

Coast Salish Elementary School

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Dear Coast Salish Families,

I hope that your summer is going well, and you are finding time to enjoy the amazing weather we have been experiencing and spend quality time with your families and friends.

Over the summer, Coquitlam School District has continued to work with the building contractor and City of Coquitlam towards achieving partial occupancy of our new school site for September 2022. Unfortunately, it does not appear that the building will be ready for occupancy to start the school year and thus we will be utilizing our contingency plan and open using existing space in the new École Irvine Elementary School.

I have been working with Dennis Shannon, principal of École Irvine Elementary, to plan for a smooth start up of the school year. Coast Salish Elementary and École Irvine Elementary will operate as separate schools at one site until partial occupancy of our new site is achieved later this fall.

I will return to the office beginning on Monday, August 15th. Once I return, I will begin communicating specific details regarding our plans for startup in September, including the details of the bus service from the Coast Salish site to the Irvine site. I would also like to reassure those registered with the YMCA onsite daycare that this daycare will also open using space at Irvine and then move to the new Coast Salish site with us later in the fall.

Although this is not the news anyone in the community was hoping for, I know that despite the circumstances we will have an amazing start to our new school due to the hospitality from the amazing Irvine community!

Sincerely,

Frank Pearse Principal Coast Salish Elementary School