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Learning for a Lifetime

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wish to warmly welcome returning and new families to the 2018-2019 school year.

School start-up and the month of September are busy and exciting times of year for schools, students and parents. School staff are busy processing enrolments, planning class lists and organizing classrooms, among many other important tasks required to settle students into classes as quickly and effectively as possible.

While looking ahead at the coming year, I am pleased to inform you of some major accomplishments. Last year, our Board of Education was pleased to open two new schools - Centennial Secondary and Moody Middle, open a new addition at Glen Elementary, and receive \$24 million of government funding to seismically replace Irvine Elementary. This year we will open two more new schools - Smiling Creek Elementary and Banting Middle, and advocate for more funding for other capital projects.

As well, the school district successfully renovated several schools, added classrooms and hired numerous new teachers and staff to meet the new class size and composition requirements. This year we will continue to meet those requirements.

This district continues to be a leader in technology-based teaching and learning and we will continue to invest in technology, computational thinking and related initiatives in our schools.

The success of our students is paramount, and our district prides itself on being a top-performing district with some of BC's highest student achievement levels. Our schools will communicate student learning outcomes as we continue to implement the redesigned curriculum and innovative approaches to teaching and learning. We will strive to help every child achieve their individual educational success.

Again, welcome back. I wish your family all the best for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Gartland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent of Schools
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