



Coast Salish Elementary School

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Dear Coast Salish Community,

As you are aware, our district staff has been working with the building contractor and City of Coquitlam towards partial occupancy of the Coast Salish site for September 2022. This is still our goal, and everything is being done towards this end. Recently, I have talked to many of you who have asked, "what happens if the building is not ready for a partial occupancy in September?" Which, knowing the complexities with labour shortages, COVID and supply chain issues, is a very logical question to ask.

Up until now, I have told parents that the district has contingency plans in place that will allow for an alternate location for your children to learn. In working with the district, it has been decided that if partial occupancy is not achieved for September, the most likely plan will be the use of existing space within the new Irvine Elementary School. Under this plan, Coast Salish Elementary and Irvine Elementary would operate as separate schools within the Irvine Elementary Facility until the Coast Salish Elementary site is approved for partial occupancy.

Please rest assured that if this is the case, your students will still be registered at Coast Salish Elementary, will be in classes with other Coast Salish Elementary students, and will be taught by Coast Salish Elementary Teachers. The following planning has already been done for this potential scenario:

- Coast Salish Elementary Students would have the option of taking a bus from the sidewalk in front of the school (3538 Sheffield Ave.) to Irvine Elementary each morning and back each afternoon. Parents would have the option of driving their children to the Irvine site if they wish.
- To alleviate traffic congestion at Irvine, there will be two separate bell schedules. Coast Salish students will be on the first bell schedule (which is the same as the bell schedule I published last week).
- The YMCA Coast Salish before and after school care program will operate at the Irvine site, using a Coast Salish classroom, and then move to the Coast Salish site with us when we gain occupancy of our building.

This information is being provided to help families understand that, although we are still expecting the contractor to have the building sufficiently completed for a partial opening in September 2022, if this does not happen, your students will have a positive environment in which to learn while waiting for occupancy of our new school building.

Sincerely,

Frank Pearce, Principal