## **Season's Greetings 2016**

On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our students, parents and employees!

The time leading up to the winter holiday break is always a busy one. While Christmas may be a time for presents, concerts, and parties, it is also a time of giving and charity for our students and staff. Our hearts are warmed whenever we hear stories from our schools about collecting toys, food or clothing for those less fortunate, or about our students, parents, teachers and many employees taking time out to volunteer and help those in need. This is the true spirit of Christmas.

The Christmas season is an occasion to reconnect with family and friends, as these are the relationships that lift our spirits and sustain us. Christmas is also a magical time. I hope that you take this opportunity to rekindle your imaginations and renew inspirations so that you may return to school in January feeling restored, refreshed and filled with enthusiasm.



May the magic of Christmas touch your hearts, and may your dreams and aspirations for the New Year come true. Be kind, be charitable, be giving and, most of all, be festive and merry.

See you in 2017!

Patricia Gartland

Superintendent of Schools

