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Learning for a Lifetime

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I warmly welcome returning and new families to our school district. I hope your summer was enjoyable.

School start-up and the month of September are busy and exciting times of year for students and parents. Every year staff process enrolments, plan class lists, and organize classrooms, among many other important tasks required to get students settled into classes as smoothly and quickly as possible.

As you may have already heard, districts across the province were to adhere to class size and composition requirements starting this September. District leadership, administrators, teachers and staff have worked diligently over the past several months to prepare the schools for your children, especially in light of the changes for this year.

To meet the requirements, SD43 has hired many additional teachers. The district has also been working for several months and throughout the summer to convert rooms to needed classrooms with several added at various schools.

Our district prides itself on being a top-performing district with some of B.C.'s highest student achievement levels. This year, as we implement the redesigned curriculum and innovative approaches to teaching and learning, we continue to strive to help every child achieve individual success.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Patricia Gartland'.

Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent of Schools  
School District No.43 (Coquitlam)