

Board Report September 11, 2019

As Chairperson, I would like to share the following as we start the new school year.

Board Calendar

A reminder that the official Calendar of Board Meetings was passed in the spring. We attempt to balance our public meetings with other commitments that we know our partners might have. The meeting dates are attached to the Board meeting agendas and are also available on our website.

Facilities

I would like to say a big “thank you” to our District Facilities team who have the task of completing numerous projects over the summer in preparation for our schools to be ready for opening day. We look forward to the team updating us about the work that has been completed this summer at a future Board meeting.

Surrey Summit

On July 5, the Minister of Education, The Board of Education, Mayor and Council, and Senior Staff met to continue our work at accelerating school projects and enhancing our collaboration in order to expedite our approval and project delivery processes. The next meeting will be scheduled for this fall.

School Seismic Upgrades

We were pleased to host the Minister of Education last week for the announcement of \$21 million of new funding for seismic upgrades at Holly Elementary and George Greenaway Elementary Schools. This was welcome news as we continue to focus on school safety for our students.

Orange Shirt Day

Each year at the end of September the district recognizes Orange Shirt Day to educate and promote awareness about the Residential School System and its impact on Indigenous people. Many schools across Surrey will be hosting events on September 27th, and we hope that everyone will find their own way to acknowledge the day.

Thank you and that concludes the Board Report.