
**Board Report
September 16, 2020**

I am pleased to share the Board report as we start the new school year.

Throughout the summer, the Board has continued to liaise with our Provincial Government, the BCSTA and our educational partners to customize BC's Education Restart Plan for our district.

As you will appreciate, with the added complications of the COVID-19 pandemic, this has been no small task and administration and staff have moved quickly to adjust to the needs of our students and their families. As a district we will continue to follow the Public Health guidelines to maximize health and safety for students and staff in their learning environments. Later on tonight's agenda you will hear an update from our Superintendent on how this unique school year startup has progressed so far. On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so hard and diligently over the summer and particularly the past few weeks to have our schools ready for opening.

Capital Projects

On August 31, the Board hosted the Ministry of Education in Surrey and welcomed the announcement of \$39.8 million to fund a new addition at K.B. Woodward Elementary and seismic upgrades to

Prince Charles Elementary and Queen Elizabeth Secondary schools. The 240-seat addition at K.B. Woodward will see eight new classrooms and two renovated classrooms, which are expected to be ready by January 2023. The seismic upgrades at Prince Charles and Queen Elizabeth are both scheduled for completion in 2022.

Later this month, the Board will meet with the Ministry of Education and City of Surrey to review the capital projects under way and continue to strategize on collaboration and cooperation for the benefit of our students.

Orange Shirt Day

On September 30th the district will recognize Orange Shirt Day with various events that help raise awareness and learning around the history of Indigenous children and residential schools. We can add our support by wearing an orange shirt as a symbol to fight racism and bullying and recognize that every child matters.

Thank you.