September Update

Opening in a Pandemic

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What has our opening looked like?

- Enrolment
- COVID
- Surrey Blended

Elementary enrolment

A change in patterns

Difference from Projections



Current Enrolment 43493 **Projected Enrolment** 44267 Change from Projections -774

Total Enrolment

Secondary

Current Enrolment

28930

Projected Enrolment

28714

Change from Projections

216

Elementary

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What does this mean?

- Overall, we have about 200 more students than last year, but we budgeted for 750.
- So we spent (hired teachers and support staff) for about 550 more students than we actually have.
- That's an entire large elementary school that just didn't appear but we paid for it.

We also added Surrey Blended

- In any program where you split a staff, there are going to be inefficiencies. E.g. when you have a French Immersion dual track school, it costs more staffing that a single track school.
- Every elementary school in the district is now dual track, regular and Surrey Blended.
- We go into every year with about 10 FTE teacher staffing in hand.
- This year, we spent all that, then we spent 28 FTE more just to get the year started.
- We still haven't staffed for Quarter 2, 3, and 4
- We still haven't staffed for post January 1st

We also added

- 138 Caretakers (Custodians)
- A total of \$12.5M in additional cleaning and personnel for health and safety

So we're spending money

- But we're trying to be very careful
- The federal funds are one-time
- Our system needs to be sustainable

COVID

- Where are we
- What is our approach
- What have we learned

Panorama Ridge Secondary Johnston Heights Secondary Sullivan Heights Secondary William Watson Elementary Princess Margaret Secondary Morgan Elementary TE Scott Elementary North Surrey Secondary Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary Latimer Road Elementary Panorama Ridge Secondary Tamanawis Secondary LA Matheson Secondary Queen Elizabeth Secondary Boundary Park Elementary Tamanawis Secondary Sullivan Heights Secondary Kennedy Trail Elementary Tamanawis Secondary Panorama Ridge Secondary

Rosemary Heights Princess Margaret Secondary Earl Marriot Secondary Johnston Heights Secondary Beaver Creek North Surrey Secondary KB Woodward Rosemary Heights Tamanawis Secondary Sullivan Heights Secondary Rosemary Heights Stawberry Hill Elementary Rosemary Heights Georges Vanier North Ridge Frank Hurt **Rosemary Heights** Frank Hurt Fleetwood Park

Green Timbers

Rosemary Heights Rosemary Heights Tamanawis Secondary LA Matheson Secondary Panorama Ridge Secondary Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary Panorama Ridge Secondary Enver Creek Secondary City Central Learning Centre DEC David Brankin Elementary Fraser Heights Secondary Dr. F.D. Sinclair Woodland Park Ray Shepherd Panorama Ridge Secondary Frank Hurt Secondary Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary

We've been open for 27 days

58 Exposure Notices

What have we learned

- Every school principal should have:
 - A cell phone by their side
 - Access to an email list of staff
 - Access to an email list of parents/students
- We have the templates, FAQ's and everything ready to go.
- A huge thanks to all those who have been doing this to date
- At our current rate, we'll be past 100 easily by winter break
- 14/20 secondary schools in the first 6 weeks

What have we learned

- No school is exempt, no area is exempt
- It's likely a safe bet that these exposures have included both staff and students – we are not always told and that's totally fine
- Privacy is key we actually don't need to know who is positive, what we need to know is am "I" impacted (or my class, or my friend)

We have a lot to discuss

• We need to think about this for a year long plan or already for multiple years.

Blended Learning

- We have just initiated the largest blended learning model in the province K-12.
- We have, on the ground, over 18,000 secondary learners in a Blended model.
- We have over 10,000 elementary learners in Surrey Blended.
- This would make our blended program alone, the 4th largest school district in BC behind us, Vancouver and Coquitlam.

With great challenge

- Comes great opportunity
- We could very well be in this place for 2 more years
- We have the chance to build a future ready system, urged on by the tyranny of COVID
- We need to build the foundation, we need to provide the supports, we need to be confident that the learners in Surrey Blended are keeping pace with students in class
- We need to be confident that the students in grades 10-12 are getting the foundation they need to move on comfortably to the next year and the next life step

As always

- We have work to do
- We have enormous faith in our systems, in our people, in our relationships
- We are an open system, we don't shy away from the challenges
- We always work together to do the best we can for all children