

Board Report September 15, 2021

I am pleased to share the Board report as we start the new school year. The Board of Education is incredibly excited to have students and teachers back in our classrooms. Last year was a challenge for all of us and we are looking forward to connecting face-to-face once again.

Capital Projects

This year marks the opening of more new school space: the much-anticipated Grandview Heights Secondary adding 1,500 seats for secondary students in South Surrey and White Rock, and a significant addition to Sullivan Elementary, which nearly doubles the school's capacity and reduces the need for portables at the school. Both locations offering beautiful, state-of-the-art facilities for our students to learn, play and grow.

On August 11th construction began for two elementary school expansion projects at White Rock Elementary, with 195 more seats

for completion by September 2022 and Ecole K.B. Woodward Elementary with 240 more seats for completion by January 2023.

Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation Day

On September 29th 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 are committed as a district to both truth and reconciliation and to not forgetting the legacy of the children who were discovered in unmarked graves this past spring.

This year, our government has declared a statutory holiday on September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. There are numerous activities planned across the district and we look forward to participating and learning how we all can move toward not only the truth, but to true reconciliation.

Thank you.