



SCHOOL DISTRICT 78

FRASER-CASCADE

EVERYONE PULLING TOGETHER

August 29, 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable summer. As we prepare to welcome students back on **September 2, 2025**, I am excited to begin my sixth year as Superintendent in the Fraser-Cascade School District. Our district covers a large and diverse geography, and the strength of our school communities continues to inspire me. At this time, our thoughts are especially with the communities of Yale and Spuzzum, who remain on evacuation alert due to the Sailor Bar Wildfire. We stand ready to support our communities in any way we can.

We are proud of the many successes in our district this past year. Our graduation ceremonies highlighted the achievements of students across all our schools, with many moving on to exciting post-secondary opportunities or careers in the trades. We are also seeing continued growth in graduation and transition rates for Indigenous learners and students with diverse learning needs, thanks to the dedication of staff and the strong partnerships we share with families and communities.

This year, our district will continue to focus on **inclusion, student well-being, and equity in education**. With 38% of our students identifying as Indigenous and nearly 22% of our total student population requiring additional learning supports, we remain committed to ensuring every child feels supported and valued. We also continue to expand on mental health resources, with a well-staffed Integrated Child and Youth Team and school-based counsellors available to provide care and guidance.

We are continuing with the limited use of personal electronic devices as per the **District Student Code of Conduct Policy**, introduced last year to reduce distractions and create healthier learning environments. Elementary students will not use personal devices during the school day, while secondary students may use devices respectfully outside of instructional hours. Exceptions are made for learning, health, and individual needs. Thank you for supporting your child and their school in making this policy a success.

Families will also notice new developments in **childcare spaces at Kent and Silver Creek**, improvements to **technology in schools**, and continued work to expand **school food programs** for students and families in need. In addition, the Ministry's new reporting order is now fully in place, and we are working closely with staff to ensure a smooth transition to standards-based grading and competency-focused reporting.

Strategic Plan

The Board of Education is pleased to share our draft Strategic Plan with you over the next few weeks and invites your feedback. The plan highlights five key goal areas that will guide our collective work moving forward.



As I enter my **36th year in public education**, I remain deeply grateful for the dedication of our staff and the strong partnerships we share with families. Parents and caregivers are the backbone of our schools, and your involvement makes a tremendous difference. I encourage you to stay connected with your school's **Parent Advisory Council**, the **District Parent Advisory Council**, or through volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for the many ways you support your children and our schools. I look forward to working together to ensure that every student has a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

Warm regards,

Dr. Balan Moorthy
Superintendent