



School District #49 (Central Coast)

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Dear families:

I am writing to extend a welcome to all as we enter into the 2022-2023 school year with the theme of “*A Community of Respect*”. District staff are excited to start the year in a positive way and provide students with purposeful learning.

Recruitment has been an ongoing focus through the summer months and we are excited to see some new staff joining our district this year and always grateful to those returning. Each school will communicate changes in staffing for this school year. We welcome back returning staff and ask that the community join us in welcoming those that are new to the Bella Coola Valley.

A continued district focus this year will be on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, to be updated on our website near the end of September. The Board of Education will be signing a renewed Local Education Agreement with the Nuxalk Nation this September 26th and improvements to educational opportunities for all Indigenous students will also continue to be realized through consultation as supported through the Equity in Action Project.

Capital projects over the summer have included flooring replacement and Boiler upgrades at Nusatsum, Learning Assistance office renovations at Bella Coola Elementary as well as an outdoor covered structure installation at BCE. We will also be seeing upgrades to lighting fixtures throughout our buildings. Many thanks to our dedicated Maintenance, Information Technology, and Custodial departments for the excellent work in preparation for this school year.

In conclusion, it is my pleasure to support the Board of Education in meeting its Mission of ‘Working together to create a safe, welcoming environment that prepares each learner to reach their full potential’. Our entire staff is looking forward to welcoming students back to school and are always willing to meet, listen and engage with students, parents and our community.

Respectfully,

Steve Dishkin
Superintendent of Schools

We/I acknowledge that we live and work on unceded Nuxalk, Heiltsuk, and Wuikinuxv territories.