

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)

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To All Staff:

We would like to extend our welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and that you have had the opportunity to re-energize for the year ahead.

A lot of work has been going on while our schools have been out of session and a special thank you needs to go out to our maintenance, custodial and IT staff for all the work that has been accomplished to make sure we are ready to start the year. We are pleased to be able to report that all our facilities are now repaired to a level where both staff and students can be back in their schools. This is great news, and we would like to once again thank everyone for their flexibility and patience.

Moving forward, we are hopeful that everyone stays as healthy as possible. To support this, we ask that you take time to review the updated Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines below.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf

In addition to staying physically healthy, we also hope that everyone remembers to focus on their overall health and well-being. Please reach out if you are needing support. Similarly, please take time to introduce yourselves and to get to know new colleagues both within your buildings and beyond. We have many new staff joining us in a variety of roles and we can certainly help smooth their transition by extending a helpful and caring hand.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Strategic Plan in order to meet the needs of our students, staff, and community in the year ahead and we will welcome the feedback and input of all, as we continue towards our vision of Success for ALL Learners Today and Tomorrow.

We hope you have a great 2022-2023 school year.

Respectfully,

Stephen McNiven

Superintendent of Schools

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