

# Superintendent's Report to the Board

**Regular Board Meeting of October 2022** 

## Thank you – World Teachers' Day - October 5, 2022

World Teachers' Day is celebrated around the globe. It is a day to celebrate teachers and staff that work with our students. SD58 thanks all the teachers, across the district, that make a difference for students, families and the community on a daily basis. We hope that you have a great year!





#### **Merritt & Princeton Welcome Dinners**

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID we were able to get together to our Merritt and Princeton Welcome Dinners! What a wonderful attendance at both events. We had a agenda full of events and a dinner. Thank you to all the First nations Support Workers for all their work and to our staff and families that attended.



# CNDASY SCIENCE

## MMISWG2S March – October 4, 2022

SD58 is committed to supporting Truth and Reconciliation. This year's march to support the National Day of Recognition for MMISWG2S is an example of the district wide commitment. This important topic was explored at the secondary level with a focus on awareness and the opportunity to influence change while at the elementary level it was focused on staying safe. Thank you to all those involved!



## **John Allison Harvest Festival**

The annual Harvest Festival was another successful day. Students, families, and the community joined in the garden to sample soup, zucchini loaves, pumpkin muffins, and live music. Thank you to all the garden volunteers, PSS food teacher Mr. Laurin and his students for the soup, live band "Highway40" and of course the students and staff of John Allison Elementary.





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## **Elementary Cross Country & Volleyball Tournament**

Students, staff and families are experiencing the benefits of a more 'normal' start up to school. This has included the opportunity to return to extra-curricular activities. Thank you to all our coaches and to the weather for cooperating!



## Mentorship Programs (VFE/MSS Links)

A supportive mentorship program can provide numerous benefits for students. These include outcomes that are directly related to the Strategic Plan. Examples include increasing engagement in school both short term and long term, increasing a sense of physical and emotional safety, a sense of value, and a stronger connection to school resulting in feeling welcomed and supported.

## Student and Family Affordability Fund

Through a survey and interviews with stakeholders (school admin, school staffs, Education Coordinators and DPAC), priorities were clearly identified for the Student and Family Affordability Fund. The priories were almost universally agreed upon as being food security, support for ongoing school supplies and support for fees. The district will be communicating information out to students and parents regarding the types of support available and dispersing dollars to schools at the





### **Mental Health**

Schools have completed their 2022-2023 Mental Health Plans.

Examples of support included purchasing and implementing Open Parachute, purchasing mental heal literature, the creation and enhancement of safe spaces for all students, mental health literacy presentations and student mentorship programs.

#### **Communications**

Improving communication is a top priority for the district this year. We will be working with the Board as well as individual schools to create and implement a multi-faceted communication plan. Improvement will included regular updates from the Board of Education, scheduled ongoing communication at the district level and updated websites and communication platforms.

