

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

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Dear Parents, Families, and Caregivers:

Today is the final day of the 2022-2023 school year, and we wish to extend our deepest gratitude to you and your children. It has been a year of continued rebuilding and reconnection for us all, and we are grateful to the students, staff, families, and communities that we serve for allowing us to be a part of it.

One of our strategic goals is to create a school community empowered by meaning and purpose, and as we reflect back on the year, there are so many moments, people, and examples of learning that we could share with you that reflect this. Your children have been an inspiration to us all. The school staff have once again shown that they are deeply committed to providing students with an educational experience that is enriching, engaging and meaningful to them and their families. We recognize that we have work to do, and we continue to reflect and challenge ourselves with how we can better ensure that all students reach the goals that they and you as their family dream of.

Finding meaning and purpose could never happen without the support and input of parents and families. You know your children, and it is to you that we look to for advice, feedback, and inspiration. You provide that in so many ways and for that we are deeply grateful. As we work to create a more equitable and inclusive school community for all, it is parents and families that keep us striving to do and be more in service to your children.

We wish you all a restful and happy summer. Please reach out if you need assistance, as we know that life continues to be challenging for many. You can email Assistant Superintendent Jane Kempston at <u>jkempston@365.sd58.bc.ca</u> or call the School Board Office at 250 378 5161 to speak to someone directly.

Once again, thank you for the privilege of caring for your children.

Stephen McNiven Superintendent of Schools

Jane Kempston Assistant Superintendent

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Gordon Swan Board Chair



We recognize that we learn, teach and work on the ancestral, traditional territories of the Nle?kepmx and Syilx people, and we acknowledge our Metis communities and their contributions to the Aboriginal ways of being and knowing.

Success for ALL Learners ~ Today and Tomorrow