



Hello, students, staff, families, and community.

Thank you for your patience, persistence, hard work, and grace as we navigated this school year—one filled with successes, celebrations, and some challenges.

This year gave me many opportunities to see you all in action—whether at work or at play. Every year, I make it a priority to visit and connect with as many of you as I can. During these visits, I truly value the chance to speak with teachers, students, maintenance staff, support staff, principals, vice principals, and administrative teams throughout the district.

The goal of these visits is to better understand the day-to-day challenges and successes you face—and to sincerely thank those of you on the front lines, caring for our students every single day.

Now, let's take a look back.

Beginning in September, Surrey schools operate on the traditional and unceded shared territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, specifically the Semiahmoo, Katzie, and Kwantlen Nations.

One of our first events of the year was the unveiling of a welcome figure at Bothwell Elementary. Throughout the year, our Indigenous Learning team led more initiatives—such as the unveiling of another welcome figure and a 3D art panel at Fraser Heights Secondary, as well as Indigenous murals at Center to Reed Elementary and North Surrey Secondary.

We continued our meaningful and mindful partnerships with the Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo First Nations, as part of our ongoing efforts toward truth and reconciliation.

This year, the district proudly demonstrated its leadership in the field of artificial intelligence. Through strong partnerships with students—including the Superintendent's AI Council—we launched several initiatives to explore how AI can support education.

Our goal has been to empower students and families with a clear understanding of how AI is already enhancing learning today, and how it will shape the future of education.

Throughout the year, we also honored the culture, history, and heritage of many school communities. Leaders—including staff and students—created meaningful experiences that inspired, informed, and brought people together.



You should all be proud of the inclusive culture we see across this entire school district.

I also want to recognize the incredible spirit of giving back in our schools. I'm continually inspired by the number of students who generously donate their time and resources to support meaningful causes in the community—from local food banks to seniors' homes and hospitals.

This compassion and commitment help make Surrey an amazing place to live. Their actions leave a lasting impact and reflect the values we strive to nurture every single day.

Thank you for an amazing school year. We look forward to seeing you in September.