

## Hello everyone.

I'm Gary Tymoschuk. On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to thank all of you—students, staff, parents, and the community—for a wonderful year filled with learning, growth, celebration, and student success.

I also want to acknowledge that while it's been a tough year, the Board of Education will continue to work on behalf of students, staff, and families to deliver on its promise to provide an excellent learning experience for our students.

The board is guided by our five-year strategic plan, with five key priority areas: literacy and numeracy, student transitions, student wellbeing, Indigenous student success, and reconciliation and racial equity.

This year we saw a number of capital projects take shape. We officially opened Ta'talu Elementary, a brand-new school. We opened the additions at Semiahmoo Trail Elementary and South Meridian Elementary, and they are now welcoming students into more modern learning spaces.

Over the summer, we will see work begin at both Kwaman Park Secondary and Guilford Park Secondary. An addition has also been announced for Fleetwood Park Secondary.

This year we deepened our partnerships with the Sammu First Nation and the Katzie First Nation. The board was delighted to attend the traditional naming ceremony of Xw'epiteng Elementary, the district's first land-based program rooted in Indigenous values and traditions.

I would like to acknowledge the generosity of our donors, who supported students in need with food for meal programs, at-home backpacks, school supplies, and even laptops—ensuring they have what they need to be successful in school.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our staff. The Board of Education values the contributions you make each and every day to provide an excellent learning experience for our students.

In particular, I would like to recognize the district support workers, who fulfill a myriad of responsibilities and whose work is crucial to the district's success.



As this school year comes to a close, I want to thank our students, staff, parents, and school communities—everyone—for their hard work, dedication, care, and understanding as we have navigated a challenging year.

Please enjoy your much-deserved break, and we'll see you all in September.