

Greater Victoria School District

CONNECTIONS

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From the Superintendent's Desk

As the school year draws to a close and I am finishing my first year as Superintendent of Schools for the Greater Victoria School District, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the great work that you have done over this past school year to support our students and each other. I would also like to thank you for your warm welcome that has made my transition to Victoria a wonderful and positive experience. As this school year is quickly coming to a close, please know that your work in supporting “each child” is truly appreciated.

I am also grateful for the way in which my partners have worked so positively with me over the past year. The Allied Specialists Association, CUPE 382, CUPE 947 and the GVTA have welcomed me and we have had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations throughout the year.

There have been some major undertakings this year. The implementation of MyEducationBC brought with it a number of challenges. With the changes came many hours of work on the part of CUPE 947 members, ASA members, teachers and administrators. Throughout it, all our Information Technology department also worked many hours to support individuals, schools and the District. I want to personally thank all of you for your patience and hard work to implement this system.

This year also saw much work occurring on Oak Bay High School and the Cloverdale seismic upgrade. I want to thank and acknowledge CUPE 382 and the team at Facilities for your hard work and dedication throughout these major building projects.

This year also saw preparation for the implementation of our new curriculum. I have worked in education for thirty-two years and have never seen such a large scale modernization of curriculum. While the new curriculum brings with it incredible opportunities for students and teachers, I am certainly aware that it is also comes with many challenges. I am thrilled with the work that has occurred this year and look forward to working together as a learning community in the years to come.

Once again, thank you for your continued hard work and commitment to our students and to each other. I hope that you have a relaxing, enjoyable summer and that you get some time to rest and recharge.

Enjoy! I very much look forward to continuing our work together next year.

Fist Pump for Identity

Earlier this year, I had the good fortune of visiting a group of Lansdowne students and their teachers Vicki Roberts and Seanna Hyndman. The students were having a round-table discussion about how they have been learning about their identity and how their actions can impact the identities of others. The students were very proud to be able to share their growth in understanding with me.



Featured here are Renee Pick, Principal of Cloverdale and me visiting Cloverdale Traditional School to see how the seismic upgrade was progressing.

