

Friday, June 24, 2022

Dear Greater Victoria Learning Community,

As the school year concludes, I would like to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the extra efforts of staff, students, parents/caregivers and community members. This year, we have faced many challenges and together our efforts have demonstrated what is possible when we work together.

I want to personally take the time to recognize all of our schools, departments, and staff for their important contributions to the district. I am continuously impressed with your dedication in providing students the encouragement, belief and opportunities necessary for them to pursue their passions. You have demonstrated ongoing commitment in supporting our students and families throughout the pandemic. I thank you.

Additionally, I would also like to thank families and the community for their continued support and confidence in public education. Throughout COVID-19, we have experienced many pressures that have had an effect on our learning community. We look forward to the new school year where we transition from reactionary measures to proactive recovery, strategy, and care.

As the new Superintendent, I am deeply committed to student success and creating learning environments that support and improve all learners' personal and academic success. As we seek to continuously improve our practices and outcomes for students we will once again operationalize our Strategic Plan through the [Framework for Enhancing Student Learning](#). This framework prioritizes equitable and culturally responsive educational outcomes for all students.

At this time, I would like to recognize all of this year's graduating students who are entering a new chapter in their lives. On behalf of the district, I wish you all the best in the future. You have been an integral member of our learning community and whatever direction you choose to follow please know that we are proud of you and will always consider you a valuable member of our one learning community.

To staff who are moving on from the district, thank you for sharing your knowledge, passion and dedication—best wishes in your next great adventure.

For those returning in September, have a wonderful, restful and safe summer break. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Stay safe and keep well.



Deb Whitten
Superintendent

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.