



September 6, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

Re: [Welcome Back to School!](#)

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy the great weather. Whether you stayed local or travelled, we hope everyone remained healthy and safe throughout the break. With the new school year underway, we are looking forward to learning together and reconnecting with one another. The Langley Board of Education is also sharing a positive message with our community [here](#). As our District continues to experience growth, please join us in welcoming the many new students, staff, and families that have joined our community.

Looking Ahead to 2022-2023

Our District's mission is to *"inspire all learners to reach their full potential and create a positive legacy for the future"*. We know our students are more successful when we all work together and help one another. This year, the District looks forward to developing a new Strategic Plan in consultation with a newly elected Board of Education in the Fall. Throughout the year, the District will continue our work on inclusion and anti-racism initiatives that ensure students, staff, and families have a sense of belonging in our schools. In addition, we will also begin implementing trauma-informed practice training for all staff across the system. We are committed to sharing updates on our progress.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Along with the Federal and Provincial governments, the District acknowledges Friday, September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. All schools and District sites will be closed. As a District, we encourage students, staff, and families to take part in any community events or to reflect, listen, and learn on their own on that day. Traditionally, our schools have recognized Orange Shirt Day on this day to commemorate the history and ongoing trauma caused by Residential Schools, and to honour the survivors of Residential Schools and those who have not returned. The District will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 29. Our schools will continue to expand on student and staff understanding by taking part in deeper learning activities.

Supporting All Our Students through Trauma-Informed Practices

In alignment with the District's Strategic Plan and in support of Learning Support Services Department goals, the District will be implementing a shift in educational and operational practices that continue to foster an inclusive and nurturing culture in our schools. The District will begin implementing trauma-informed practices to all staff and rolling out specialized training. This training provides specific strategies that can be used in classrooms and schools to create trauma-informed spaces beneficial to all students and staff. Families will receive more detailed information at the end of the week about this shift in how we support our students.

Ministry Funding to Help Support our Students

On Monday, August 29, the Ministry of Education and Child Care announced funding for school districts to help them support students and families facing affordability challenges due to global inflation. We recognize the rising costs of living and the impacts the pandemic has had on our families. The District welcomes and appreciates this new, one-time, provincial funding of \$2.1 million allocated for Langley schools, to potentially help support school food programs, the purchase of supplies, and other school expenses. In the coming weeks, we will be consulting with staff, PACs, and partners to plan and deliver ways to make school more affordable for our families. The provincial news release can be read [here](#).

Trustee Election

A Local General Election will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, including the election of school trustees. Seven school trustees are elected to make up the Langley Board of Education (5 representing the Township of Langley, 2 representing the City of Langley). School trustees represent the public and advocate for public education. The Board provides overall direction to the District and "is charged with the responsibility for providing an education system that is organized and operated in the best interests of the students it serves." You can learn more about the Role of the Board (Policy 2) [here](#). The District is hosting a Trustee Candidate [Information Session](#) on Tuesday, September 6, to help support those interested in running by providing resources and answering their questions. The District sends best wishes to all candidates and encourages everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote.

COVID-19 Update

The District continues to work with the Ministry of Education and Child Care and Fraser Health. The updated provincial health and safety guidelines in K-12 schools are similar to what we experienced in June. The current guidelines can be viewed [here](#). The health and safety of students, staff, and families remains our priority. The District recommends students and staff stay home when they are sick, be aware of their health daily, and practice proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Fraser Health is sharing a Healthy Back to School guide for families [here](#).

As we start this new school year, we are providing this helpful guide [here](#) for parents/guardians. We thank students, staff, and families for your continued support and ability to work together. As we have seen in recent years, care, compassion, and collaboration in our community leads to more positive outcomes for students. Have a successful year!

Sincerely,



Mal Gill
Superintendent of Schools

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这是一个很重要的通知。请找人翻译它的内容，这样你就可以及时知道学校的情况。

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Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.

Ito ay isang mahalagang notisya. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng taong tagasalin ng wika upang ikaw ay maging batid tungkol sa impormasyon ng paaralan.