



School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

"To empower all learners to live the challenges of a diverse and changing world."

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Dear Parents, Guardians and SD54 Employees,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! There is an excitement surrounding the start of each school year, especially for our young learners. It is a happy time when students reconnect with friends, meet new teachers, and embrace the joy of learning.

As we return to our buildings, I would like to thank our maintenance and custodial departments. They have been working hard this past summer completing a number of renovations, upgrades and a deep cleaning of all sites. They have our schools and facilities ready for students, our learning and workspaces look great - so thank you very much.

I am excited about the upcoming school year and the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead. We have an exceptional team of educators and staff who are committed to providing supportive and engaging learning environments for the children. Our collective focus will be on student success, fostering a love for learning, and preparing our students for a bright future. I continue to be impressed with our staff and their ability to offer exemplary programs in such a dynamic and diverse school system.

I recently met with our administrators, in our annual start-up meetings, and I can confidently say that our team is rested and ready to welcome your children back to school. As we navigate the school year together, I would like to encourage open communication and collaboration between parents, guardians, and our school communities. Your involvement and support are invaluable in creating a positive and enriching educational experience for all our learners. Please reach out to your local school with any questions, concerns or for any assistance you might need.

Thank you for entrusting the education of your children to us and I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this learning community. Together, we will create a future where every student can flourish and achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,

Mike McDiarmid
Superintendent of Schools
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