

September 5, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

As always September is an exciting time for our school District as we welcome both returning and new students to our schools. This school year starts with expected new class size and organizational structural requirements that are part of the Supreme Court of Canada decision from last fall.

School administrators, district staff and teachers have been working collaboratively to implement these new structures in a considered and coordinated manner. These new expectations are accompanied by a significant increase in teaching staff to our district, and those teachers are being enthusiastically welcomed into their schools and our educational community. We will continue to recruit and hire teachers as we work to fill these new positions as soon as possible.

At your child's school, administrators and teachers will be working together to determine student class placements and schedules over the coming weeks. These new class size and organizational structures may result in class placements and schedules being determined later into September than is normally the case. Some schools may be able to make preliminary class placement decisions and schedules during the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>, while some schools may require more time. All schools will need to consider enrolment changes over the course of September to determine final class placements and schedules by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please know that regardless of the timing of final class placements and schedules, the staff at your child's school will be working to ensuring that students will be receiving educational programming throughout the month of September. Please connect with your child's teacher or school principal if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to another year of learning for everyone in our school district community!

Respectfully,



Sherry Elwood  
Superintendent of Schools