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Celebrating World Teachers' Day on October 5th

Kelowna, BC: In honour of World Teachers' Day, the Central Okanagan Board of Education is pleased to recognize the contributions of the 1265 teachers within School District No 23. This dedicated group of professionals provides invaluable training, mentorship, and encouragement to nearly 22,000 students each day.

Although many of their classroom and volunteer contributions are beyond measure, the quality of our teaching staff is evident in some key academic areas such as literacy and numeracy. For example, Grade 12 English students have consistently outperformed the Provincial average over the past five years and participation rates in Mathematics courses are increasing. There has also been significant improvement in reading and writing skills among Aboriginal students in younger grades.

Since UNESCO launched World Teachers' Day in 1993, October 5th provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the work of teachers. Worldwide, there are more than 60 million teachers, the majority of them working in developing countries with limited resources. As such, this day is also a reminder that the great strides in Canadian education are a result of the hard work of countless people working together over many years to create a brighter future for children.

We encourage everyone in the community to recognize the indispensable, often challenging, task of teachers on World Teachers' Day and everyday.

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