

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OKANAGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23

Chairperson' s Annual Report November 23, 2011

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.23



CENTRAL OKANAGAN
"Together We Learn"



Our District Focus



- Introduction of the Full Day Kindergarten initiative in all 30 elementary schools including the:
 - addition of 15 modular classrooms
 - construction of an 8 classroom addition to Shannon Lake Elementary
 - re-opening of Anne McClymont Primary (K-1)
- Consultation processes regarding the:
 - French Immersion Program
 - future of grade 7s in the Mission and Lake Country Schools
 - adoption of a common secondary school timetable
 - establishment of the 'Attributes of our Learners'

Our Progress



- Hiring 77 new Teachers and 83 Support Staff members
- Establishing an Instructional Leadership Team
- Completing 27 Principal and Vice-Principal changes through a combination of retirements, resignations, appointments and reassignments
- Adding a new StrongStart Centre in Peachland
- Expanding the International Education Program from 120 to 180 students
- Adding 10 new Board Authorized Courses and 1 new Academy
- Revising 25 Board Policies and introducing 5 new Policies

Our Progress



- Reviewed 4 District Education Programs
- Expanded the Health & Safety Department to manage claims for 24 of the 60 School Districts in B.C.
- Raised in excess of \$200,000 in support of local and global causes
- Signed a 5 year Local Education Agreement with the Westbank First Nation

Our Achievement Results



Highlights of achievements within the major goal areas:

- Reducing levels of vulnerability within the primary student population from 16% exiting at risk at the end of grade 3 in 2009 to 12% exiting at risk in 2011
- **Aboriginal Graduation Rate** increased from 60% to 61%
(compared to 54.1% for the Province)
- **Graduation Rate** increased from 84.7% to 86.2%
(compared to 80.3% for the Province)
- During this Board's 3 Year Term, the District's Graduation Rate has risen from 82.9% to 86.2%

Other Board Highlights



- Sent 79 letters advocating on behalf of public education
- Submitted one resolution to BCPSEA and three Motions to BCSTA
- Secured capital funding of approximately \$30 million for the construction of a new elementary school on Rosewood Drive and an addition to Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Recognition



- As Chairperson of the Board I would like to recognize members of our local community for their support of public education.
- I would also like to specifically acknowledge the hard work, leadership and dedication of:
 - our official partner groups;
 - members of senior staff; and
 - my fellow trustees.
- Special recognition also needs to be shown to trustees Given, Horning, Hunt-Binkley, Scanlan and Watson who chose not to seek re-election.

THANK YOU!

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