

SCHOOL OPENING REPORT

PART 1

September 14, 2022

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



THEME FOR THIS YEAR....



CARING COMMUNITIES



SCHOOL OPENING/ ENROLMENT TRENDS



In the spring of 2022, the projected headcount for September 30, 2022 was **23,574**, which represented an anticipated increase of **366** students from the same time in the spring of 2021. As of September 13, 2022, **23,499** students were registered in our system, representing a decrease of **46** from original projections but **314** over last year's September 30, 2021 numbers (**23,185**). These numbers do not include International students or Alternate Education students.



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/ THE WELCOME CENTRE



- There are **569** students confirmed to come to the Central Okanagan during the 2022/2023 school year. To date there are **475** fee paying students who have arrived and another **94** coming in the second half of the school year.
- The long-term and short-term program students currently in Canada represent approximately **377** FTE. Those students who are planning to arrive in semester 2 this school year would bring the total to **420** FTE for the 2022/2023 school year.
- The students attending in the International Program for the 2022/2023 school year represent 29 countries and jurisdictions.



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/ THE WELCOME CENTRE



- The Welcome Centre staff have welcomed **298** students and their families from **43** countries into the Central Okanagan.
- There are currently **2,007** newly immigrated children attending Central Okanagan Public Schools - all of whom are supported through the Welcome Centre and the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Program.
- The large numbers of newly arrived students and their families continue to have a positive impact creating a much more culturally diverse and globally aware local community. Students, teachers and schools are enriched through the exchange of ideas and infusion of culture from around the world.



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HUMAN RESOURCES RECRUITMENT



- **518** support staff postings, which included **114** CEA postings, were processed in 2021/2022.
- **292** teacher postings were processed during the Spring staffing period.
- Over the summer, **186** full-time temporary contracts were awarded to teachers, along with **218** part-time temporary contracts and additions.
- Since September 2021, approximately **200** new teachers were hired into temporary contracts or placed on the Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) list.
- Recruitment of CEA's, Bus Drivers, Inclusive Education staff and Teachers over the months of September and October is anticipated.

RECRUITING TEACHERS



In addition to other universities within and outside of the province, the partnership with the Teacher Education Program at the University of British Columbia-Okanagan (UBC-O) continues to provide the District with high quality beginning teachers throughout K-12. A graduating class of approximately **104** elementary, middle and secondary teachers is expected in December 2022.

The District is currently hosting a large majority of the teacher candidates from UBC-O, and anticipate others from the University of Victoria, University of Calgary, and University of British Columbia – Vancouver.



FINANCIAL



- The external auditors found the fiscal and accounting and control processes to be comprehensive and appropriate.



- The 2022/2023 annual budget is **\$303,663,762.**

FACILITY UPDATES



- There were a substantial number of projects completed in addition to the normal custodial clean-up that took place at every school in the District.
- Routine maintenance of facilities, grounds and custodial summer cleaning was also carried out.
- The reopening of Ecole Bellevue Creek Elementary School and Webber Road Elementary School was a tremendous success.



NEXT STEP



- Part 2 of the 2022 School Opening Report, providing updates, will be provided at the September 28, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education

