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Public Schools**

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2023 School Opening Report

Part 1

September 13, 2023

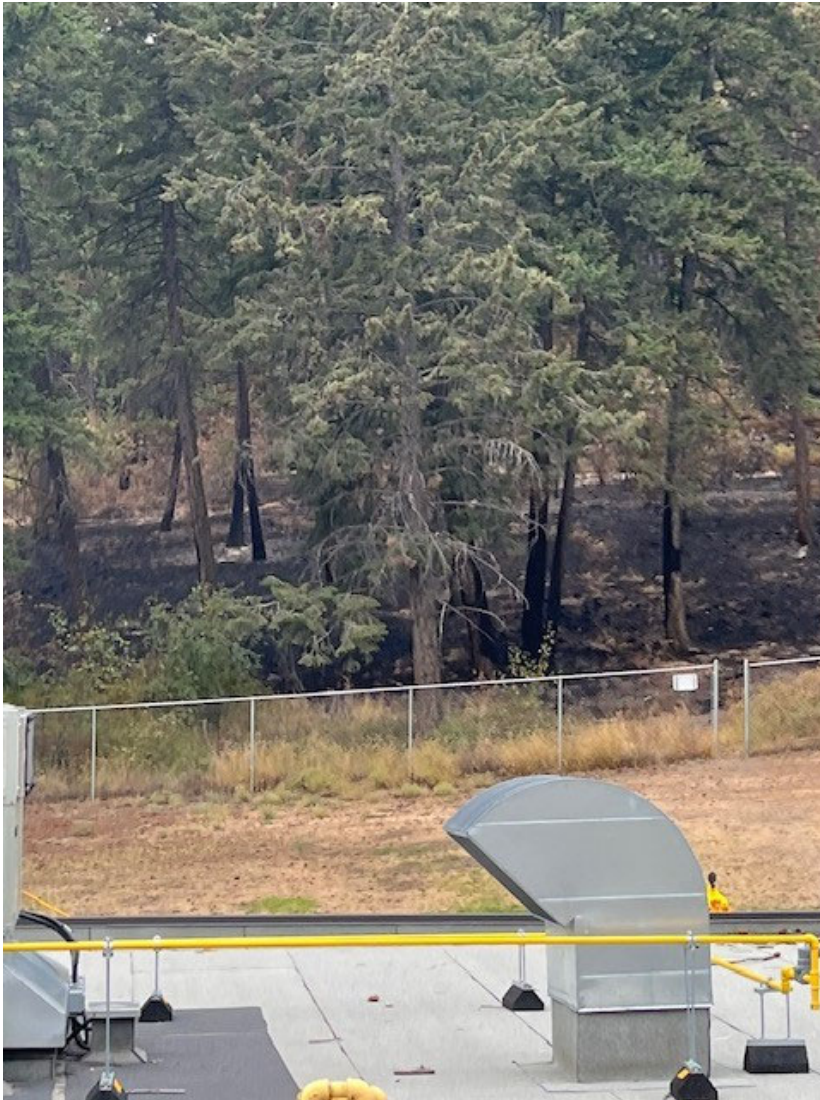


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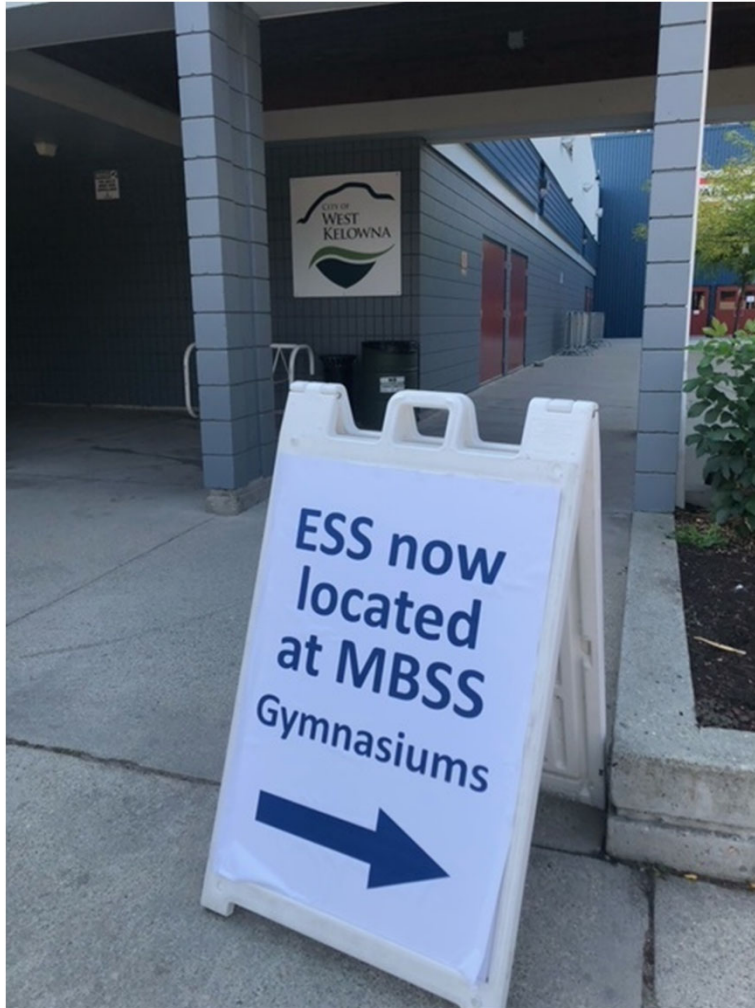
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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



THEME FOR THIS YEAR



Together, we inspire

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WONDER



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SCHOOL OPENING/ ENROLMENT TRENDS



- Increase of **466** students from original projection
- Increase of **666** students over last year's September 30, 2022 numbers
- Current student headcount is **25,184**



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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/ THE WELCOME CENTRE



- There are **412** students confirmed to come to the Central Okanagan during the 2023/2024 school year. To date there are **438** fee paying students who have arrived and another **105** coming in the second half of the school year.
- The students attending in the International Program for the 2023/2024 school year represent **29** countries and jurisdictions.



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/ THE WELCOME CENTRE



- The Welcome Centre staff have welcomed **331** students and their families from **44** countries to the Central Okanagan.
- There are currently **2,108** 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. Our students, teachers and schools are enriched through the exchange of ideas and infusion of culture from around the world.



HUMAN RESOURCES RECRUITMENT



- **525** support staff postings, which included **208** CEA postings were processed in 2022/2023.
- **226** teacher postings were processed during the Spring staffing period.
- This summer approximately **230** full-time temporary contracts were awarded to teachers.
- Since September 2022, approximately **185** new teachers were hired into temporary contracts or placed on our Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) list.
- We now employ close to **4,183** employees (FTE) or **4,443** headcount.
- Over the months of September and October, recruitment will continue for CEAs, bus drivers and other Operations Department staff.



RECRUITING TEACHERS



- In addition to other universities within and outside of our province, our partnership with the Teacher Education Program at the University of British Columbia-Okanagan (UBC-O) continues to provide our District with high quality beginning teachers throughout K-12. We expect a graduating class of approximately **126** elementary, middle and secondary teachers in December 2023.
- We are 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.



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FINANCIAL



- The external auditors have concluded their year-end review of the District's financial reports. The fiscal and accounting and control processes were once again found to be comprehensive and appropriate.
- The 2023/2024 annual budget is **\$347,647,368.**



FACILITY UPDATES



- There were a substantial number of projects completed in addition to the normal custodial clean-up that took place in every school in the District.
- Routine maintenance of facilities, grounds and custodial summer cleaning was also carried out.



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RCMP BACK TO SCHOOL SPEED ZONE CAMPAIGN



- In partnership with partner agencies such as BC Highway Patrol, the Kelowna RCMP conducted a proactive initiative during the first of week of school to raise awareness about school speed zone safety.
- **88** warnings were issued to drivers, all of which were related to speeding.



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NEXT STEPS



- **Part 2** of the 2023 School Opening Report, providing updates, will be provided at the **September 27, 2022** meeting of the Board of Education.



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