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Dear students, staff, parents and caregivers:

September is always a time of renewal and excitement in our schools. Schools are shiny and clean, ready for students and staff as we look forward to another year of learning!

This year, as last year, continues to have its challenges with COVID-19. Please rest assured that our schools are following the Interior Health Guidelines for our students, staff and visitors. As we have learned in the last few years, things change and we continue to adjust and adapt. If there are any changes, we will contact you as soon as we can.

I am very excited about our new Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (Framework) that will be shared with you in our October Pathways to Learning. Our Board will give final approval at our next Board meeting. It will then be sent to the Ministry of Education after which time it will be shared widely to our schools and community.

I am very proud of the work and contributions the district team, along with the Board and many staff, parents, students and community partners, who have worked together to come up with a plan on how to improve student learning outcomes for our students.

During our process we looked at a variety of student data while following the requirements of the Ministry. Data is only one part of a student story, and the data gives us a window into how we can support our students and staff. We have a good plan to look at data and then put actions and strategies into place.

We are also looking forward to learning together with our school staff. We will be offering professional learning opportunities for our staff to support our students which will start to roll out in October once students and staff have settled in.

The Framework is a 4-year plan, and it is important for us to celebrate our successes and also look at how we can continually improve at the end of each school year. Schools will also model our Framework with their individual plans as we are all working towards a common goal; success of our students.

Please continue to share your wonderful stories, videos and photos of your students, staff and schools. If you haven't already done so, please "Like" our [Facebook](#) page or have a look at our school district [website](#). Last year, seeing all the smiling faces of students, staff and parents, seeing the incredible learning opportunities for our students, and the ability of our students to go outside and learn from the land really speaks to our wonderful district and the learning that our excellent school staff are providing.

My goal this year will be to visit schools on Thursdays. Last year was a unique year, where we didn't have the ability to have many visitors in our schools. I am really looking forward to connecting with students and staff and getting to see firsthand the wonderful learning that happens in School District 5.

Take care,  
Silke