

A NEW BEGINNING

It has been said that it takes a community to raise a child. In the West Vancouver School District, we take a lot of pride in the work we do towards that end, but we know that outstanding student success would not be possible without the support of our entire community.

We know that the late start to the year following the recent labour dispute is somewhat bittersweet. For families that have been forced to make arrangements around work schedules, to shoulder unplanned financial costs, as well as raise concerns over your child's academic progress, we thank you for your patience and understanding. For students — whose voice is often sometimes the hardest to hear, yet the most important — we commit to continuing to work with each of you to provide you the education you need and deserve.

We also want to acknowledge our teachers and support staff. They have been walking the picket line for many weeks with the goal of improving our public education system. We are looking forward to having you back in our schools doing what you love.

It has been a long journey, but if there is a positive side to this situation, it is that we all care more deeply about public education, and understand why it matters.

We have a strong history of success in our innovative district educating the citizens of tomorrow. It remains our hope for all concerned that we can work together with those who learn, teach and support students in the West Vancouver School District to build an even better foundation for the world class education we have always offered.

Please visit us at www.sd45.bc.ca to learn about our plans and programming for the upcoming school year and beyond.

Welcome back!

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools



West Vancouver School District

Cindy Dekker, Chair, West Vancouver Board of Education

