

### **Summer Learning 2025**

Riverside Centre Principal Tricia McCuaig, Vice Principal Diane Wadden, and Assistant Superintendent Ken Cober presented to the board on the 2025 Summer Learning program. The presentation highlighted curriculum offerings, enrolment trends, and summer program sites. Enrolment for the 2025/26 program was 1,556 students, which was 3% below the prior year and 3% above projections for 2025/26. The curriculum included Grade 1-6 Language Arts (English and French), Grade 7 Transition Explorations (ADST, Fine Arts), Grade 8-9 Numeracy and Literacy skill building, and Grade 10-12 Graduation courses.

### **Student Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

Superintendent Downs presented a draft Student Advisory Committee Terms of Reference to the board. The board referred the document to a board workshop for further discussion and potential refinement.

### **Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report**

Superintendent Downs presented the *Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report* to the board. The report consists of three key sections (Human and Social Development, Intellectual Development, and Career Development) and provides both currently available data and analysis of this data. The full report, which the board approved for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC) is available online at <https://www.sd42.ca/district-reports/>.

### **Audited Financial Statements**

The board approved the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 (2024/25). The audited financial statements and accompanying Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis report are available online at <https://www.sd42.ca/financial-information/>.

### **2026/27 Minor Capital**

The board approved the Minor Capital Program projects for the Five-Year Capital Plan for 2026/27 for submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure. The projects included in the plan align with the selection methodology and prioritization principles outlined in the school district's Strategic Facilities Plan and fall into the following program categories: School Enhancement Program, Carbon Neutral Capital Program, Playground Equipment Program, Food Infrastructure Program, Building Envelope Program, and Child Care – Minor Program. The minor capital projects included in the plan can be viewed in the [September 17, 2025 public agenda package](#).

### **Chairperson's Update**

In her remarks, Chairperson Yamamoto acknowledged the City's efforts to raise awareness among drivers to slow down, noting that these measures support safety in school zones and are supplemented by additional Speed Watch initiatives. She also recognized the work of staff in preparing schools and grounds for the return of students, and noted that the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is approaching. Finally, Chairperson Yamamoto reported that Trustee Gabriel Liosis requested an unpaid leave of absence, which, in accordance with the School Act, the board approved.

## Summer Learning Update

Assistant Superintendent Ken Cober presented a comprehensive overview of the district's Summer Learning initiatives, delivered in July 2025 across four sites: Katzie Health Centre, Laity View Elementary, c̓əsq̓ənələ Elementary, and Thomas Haney Secondary. Programming at Katzie Health Centre featured multi-age, experiential learning that blended literacy and numeracy with traditional teachings. District-wide, 511 elementary students participated in enrichment programs, while 220 secondary students engaged in transition and skill-building courses focused on core competencies. Additionally, 746 students enrolled in grade 10–12 academic courses, and Thomas Haney Secondary continued its support for Train in Trades students, with over half completing graduation requirements through summer coursework.

## District Operational Plan

The board received for information the *2025/26 District Operational Plan*, which outlines the intentional work the district will undertake in the school year to support the strategic plan. The district operational plan captures annual objectives in the strategic goal and priority areas of literacy and numeracy, equity, social-emotional learning, assessment, and innovation.

## Superintendent's Update

In her verbal update to the board, Superintendent Downs noted that Ministry of Education and Child Care has established a new *Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies Policy*. The policy requires school districts to prepare and submit a board-approved policy for responding to unexpected health emergencies in schools to the ministry by December 31, 2025, and to ensure AEDs and naloxone are available in all schools. The deadline for secondary schools is December 25, 2025, while elementary schools must comply by September 8, 2026.

Superintendent Downs also updated the board on the district's *Framework for Responding to Disruptions in Schools and Classrooms*, developed by a district-level committee with representatives from CUPE, Maple Ridge Teachers' Association, Maple Ridge Principals and Vice Principals Association, District Parent Advisory Council, and the Superintendent of Schools. The framework outlines consistent, compassionate, and safety-centered responses to disruptive behaviours in shared learning environments. It is available online at <https://www.sd42.ca/safe-healthy-schools/>.

## Whistleblower Protection Policy Annual Report for 2024/25

The board received the Whistleblower Protection Policy Annual Report for 2024/25 for information. For the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, there were no complaints meeting the definition of a reportable activity as set out in this policy.

## Secretary Treasurer's Update

Secretary Treasurer Rennie provided the board a funding update on the National School Food Program. For Year 1 (2024/25), the district received an allocation of \$211,000, representing 2.93% of the provincial total against 2.78% of provincial enrolment. For Year 2 (2025/26), the district's allocation increases by 50% to \$317,000, representing 2.21% of the provincial total, which increased by 100%. The Year 1 allocation model was based on a socioeconomic index, whereas for Year 2 and 3 it is based on the provincial operating grant formula with additional weighting for rural factors and the Equity of Opportunity Supplement.

## Trustee Motions

The board approved the following motion:

*THAT the board chair be directed to forward a letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care, expressing concern about the recent announcement of National School Food Program funding allocation, and specifically, the inequitable distribution of those funds.*

## **Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan for 2025/26**

The goal of the Board Policy Development Committee is to review all existing board policies within the four years ending 2025/26. The board received for information the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan for 2025/26, which is available for review in the [September 17, 2025, public agenda package](#).

### **Policy Development Committee**

The board received the following draft policies for information and continuation of the consultation process:

- *Policy 10820: Political Activities* (updates)
- *Policy 9400: Emergency Preparedness* (new)
- *Policy 9405: Unexpected Health Emergencies at Schools* (new)

Draft policies are available for public input at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on October 22, 2025.**