



Media Release

Highlights of September 23, 2025 Board Meeting

Chair Toye expressed *"Welcome all students and staff to the 2025-26 year. We are looking forward to the year ahead full of joy, learning, wonder, and celebrations."*

Upcoming projects/Learning/Other

Superintendent Andrew Samoil provided a summary of recent school activities and upcoming events in the school district.

Most schools have held Meet the Staff Open Houses and Terry Fox runs.

New employee orientation/meet and greet.

Canadian Parents for French meetings have taken place at Roosevelt.

Implementation Day was held on Friday, September 26th at the Lester Centre. We have invited Pete Bombaci from the Genwell Foundation to speak on human connections.

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Most schools are honoring this day on September 29th by wearing orange shirts, gathering and reflecting and participating in reconciliation walks.

Last week, Uncertified Teacher training was held at Booth.

The replacement of PRMS has now progressed to build the foundation and build upwards. The permits are fully in place. Many discussions have been had about how to accommodate the learning commons. Staff have been consulted on many design and technology decisions.

We have reached out to the community to see expressions of interest for use options in the evenings and weekends. This was designed as a community school and so groups from the community will use it. The proposed opening date for the new middle school is September 1, 2027. Once the school is open then the demolition of the old school will begin.

Architects were visiting today to look at the property for the new childcare center. This is proposed to go by Lax Kxeen school. The Design looks very good.



Early Learning & Child Care

The summer childcare program at Conrad Street Elementary School had 15 students attend consistently from July 2nd to August 15th. Welcome To Kindergarten sessions occurred at all elementary schools the first week of September. Overall participation rates for all schools were 95-100% attendance. The three before and after school programs operated by SD 52 at Conrad, Pineridge and Roosevelt Schools currently have 42 students enrolled. The Roots of Empathy program has expanded to 6 classrooms this year and will be offered at all elementary schools and the middle school. Port Edward child care program will move forward as there are 9-10 families interested to enroll children 3-5 years old. The license has been amended to reflect 18 spaces for 30 months to school age for the classroom at Port Edward Community School. ECE DC courses at CHSS will be funded by 1701 as the ministry grant concludes this school year. This program has 20 students at CHSS and 2 at PCS enrolled which will run during semester 2 at CHSS.

2024-25 Audited Financial Statements

The Board of Education approved the 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements and KPMG presented a clean audit.

Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education approved two policies for distribution to the district's partner groups for their review and comment:

6320 – Superintendent/CEO Roles & Responsibilities Policy

1370 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy

The Board of Education appreciates input on proposed policy changes from all district partner groups.



Upcoming Events

Sept 26, 2025	Curriculum Implementation Day
Sept 30, 2025	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Oct 13, 2025	Thanksgiving Day
Oct 21, 2025	Board of Education Meeting

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