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Hello Comox Valley Schools families and students,

I'm Jeremy Morrow, your new Superintendent of Schools. I hope you've all had a fun and restful summer. As we gear up for the 2023-2024 school year, I want to share my excitement and enthusiasm with you about my new role in this vibrant and growing community.

Over this past summer, our school district grew much quicker than we were anticipating as families continue to move to our beautiful region. This means we are looking at creative ways to make sure we have space for everyone. A special welcome to all the other newcomers to the district for this school year.

September is a busy time for our schools, and this year Comox Valley Schools will once again be holding Truth and Reconciliation Week in our schools to commemorate the history and legacy of the residential school system. There will be many different opportunities for students to learn about this important issue as we continue our journey of reconciliation in SD 71.

We look forward to continuing the excellent work underway with the Learning Enhancement Agreement signed last summer with K'omoks First Nation. We are committed to supporting all Indigenous learners in SD 71 the best we possibly can.

As we launch this upcoming school year, SD 71 will be holding the second annual Consent Week of activities from September 18-22. Our district is excited to be engaging students through thoughtful, affirming, intersectional, and age-appropriate conversations about consent.

Last spring, The Ministry of Education announced the Feeding Futures program that will help our district boost existing food programs in schools, as well as enhance options for local, healthy food for students. We look forward to developing robust and inclusive food programs in our schools in the months and years ahead.

The district will be working on several important initiatives such as the Equity Scan, implementing the Framework for Enhanced Student Learning, and beginning the strategic planning process. All of this work will be crucial in guiding us in the years ahead.

Now that schools are back with normal learning conditions, please remember not to send your child to school if they are feeling unwell or sick. Last year, it was great to see schools back in full swing with special events, school sports leagues, drama performances, and many other important activities that enrich our students' learning experiences.

I look forward to a great school year ahead.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Morrow  
Superintendent of Schools