



SCHOOL DISTRICT 46 - SUNSHINE COAST

Excellence in all we do!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Celebrating the contributions of students, staff, & the community & looking forward to a great year ahead.



VISION We are a community engaged in lifelong learning and educational excellence. **MISSION** We support and inspire each student to experience joy and fulfillment in realizing their potential as a knowledgeable, confident, and contributing citizen in the global community. **AFFIRMATION** The Board of School District 46 affirms its commitment to Indigenous Peoples and Reconciliation by building relationships and deepening understanding of Indigenous history, worldviews, and ways of knowing.



I must say how impressed we are with our district staff in making a safe, clean and caring environment for our September opening. The behind-the-scenes preparation to get to this point has been exemplary.

Once school is in session, that high level of detail will continue in maintaining the Health & Safety Guidelines. These guidelines were created with all education partners, including teachers, parents, support staff, school leaders, trustees and Indigenous rights holders.

Be assured that in addition to the increased cleaning and other safety measures, these guidelines also include the areas that aren't directly seen as COVID issues, such as mental health, inclusive education, supporting Indigenous students and families, and food plans for students in need. Many made more vulnerable during these troubled times.

Misinformation inevitably makes its rounds, so we ask that if you have any concerns, please go to the source. Our website (www.sd46.bc.ca) is kept up-to-date with COVID-19 related information, as is the Provincial Government site (www.gov.bc.ca). If you still aren't getting the answers you seek, please call your school.

Let's make this experience as stress-free as we can for our children by working together. Chin-Chin Sway... We Are All in This Together.

- Pammila Ruth, Chair, Board of Education

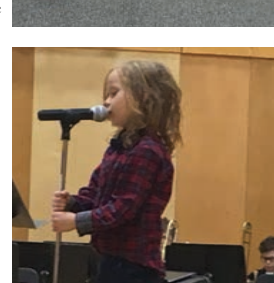
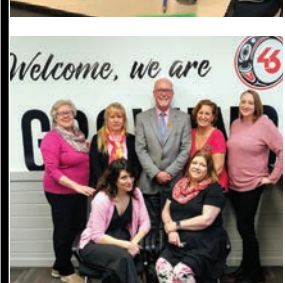
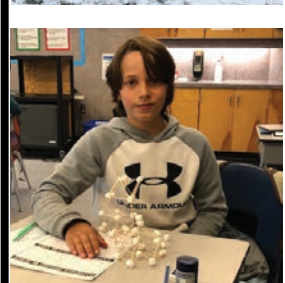
I am very proud that our dedicated staff creatively and effectively implemented remote learning during the last three months of the 2019/2020 school year. However, we know that there is no comparison between remote learning and to being face to face, safely, with our students to truly guide each one of them to their full potential. Therefore, Sunshine Coast Schools, along with all school districts in British Columbia, will be welcoming our students back to in-class learning during the latter half of the week after Labour Day. We have worked with Vancouver Coastal Health to prepare detailed health and safety plans that demonstrate our commitment to safe and caring learning environments for every student and staff member.

Additionally, the Medical Officer of Health for British Columbia and the Ministry of Education have carefully developed organizational strategies which we will fully implement, that minimize risks of infection while still ensuring that B.C. students continue with their learning, their support and their well-being.

This school year will be different from past years in some ways. However, our superb team of education and support professionals will be ready in September to provide the same warm, supportive and high quality learning experiences for the children and youth of the Sunshine Coast that they always have.

I wish everyone a kind, healthy and successful 2020/ 2021 school year.

- Patrick Bocking, Superintendent of Schools



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School Board Meetings
7 pm on the second Wednesday of each school month
(494 South Fletcher, Gibsons)

2020-2021 LEADERSHIP Superintendent of Schools

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- Elphinstone Secondary
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- Pender Harbour Secondary
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- Sunshine Coast Alternative School
Carolyn Spence

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

- Jo Thomson (Chair)
- sd46dpac@gmail.com
- Meetings are held every fourth Thursday, 7 pm (rotating schools)
- PAC Meetings**
Check with your local school.
- School Activities**
Share your expertise! Contact your child's school.

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2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues., Sept. 8-Fri., Sept 11Orientation Week	Fri., Mar. 5Report Cards Home
Mon., Sept. 28	.....Pro-D Day	Wed. Mar. 10 & Thurs. Mar. 11	.....Early Dismissals
Mon., Oct. 12	.....Thanksgiving	Mon. Mar. 15-Fri. Mar. 26 (inclusive)	.....Vacation
Fri., Oct. 23	.....Pro-D Day	Mon., Mar. 29	.....Schools Reopen
Wed., Nov. 11	.....Remembrance Day	Fri., Apr. 2	.....Good Friday
Mon., Nov. 23	.....Pro-D Day	Mon., Apr. 5	.....Easter Monday
Fri., Nov. 27	.....Report Cards Home	Mon., Apr. 12	.....Pro-D Day
Wed. Dec. 2 & Thurs. Dec. 3	.....Early Dismissals	Mon., May 21	.....Pro-D Day
Mon., Dec. 21-Fri., Jan. 1 (inclusive)	.....Vacation	Mon., May 24	.....Victoria Day
Mon., Jan. 4Schools Reopen	Thurs., June 24Last Instructional Day
Fri., Feb. 12Pro-D Day	Fri., June 25Administrative Day
Mon., Feb. 15Family Day		

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