



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

September 9, 2026

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR

On behalf of the Board of Education and employees of the Southeast Kootenay School District, it is a privilege to welcome students, families, and staff to the 2026/27 school year. Whether you are returning, joining the District for the first time, or beginning a new school, grade, program, or role, welcome.

The start of a school year can bring many different feelings. For some, September brings excitement and anticipation. For others, returning to routines, entering a new environment, or facing new expectations can bring uncertainty or anxiety. However you are approaching the year ahead, we want you to know that you belong and that support is available.

Guided by the [2024–2028 Strategic Plan](#), the Southeast Kootenay School District remains committed to caring, safe, welcoming, and inclusive schools where every student has opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed with dignity, purpose, and options.

The diverse students, families, cultures, identities, experiences, and communities connected to schools across the District make them stronger. Relationships with families, Indigenous communities, Elders, the Indigenous Education Council, and community partners help create learning environments where students can feel known, valued, represented, and supported.

Families and caregivers are important partners in a student's learning journey. If your child is feeling unsure about returning to school or needs additional support, please connect with your school. Staff are ready to listen, help, and support a positive transition into the new year.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Operations and Maintenance staff who have worked throughout the summer to prepare schools and learning environments to welcome students back. We also recognize the Board of Education trustees for their ongoing leadership, governance, and commitment to students, families, staff, and communities across the District.

We look forward to the learning, relationships, opportunities, and accomplishments ahead.

Welcome back to the Southeast Kootenay School District, where students love to learn here, staff love to work here, and families love to gather here.

We wish everyone a safe, positive, and welcoming start to the 2026/27 school year.

Superintendent
School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)

Secretary Treasurer
School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)

School start times for September 8, bell schedules, bus schedules, and other details for the 2026/27 school year are available at www.sd5.bc.ca.