



# SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to another exciting school year! As we prepare to embark on this journey together, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible efforts of our District team and community over the summer months. Particularly, our operations staff have worked tirelessly to ensure our schools are clean, welcoming, and ready for learning.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Amy Woodland Staff for their adaptability and resilience in overcoming challenges, particularly in the aftermath of the school fire. Their ability to pivot into new spaces demonstrates the true spirit of our district—modeling resilience, strength and commitment to providing the best possible solution and learning environment for our students given the devastating loss of a school. We are hoping to have more information, from the Ministry of Education and Child Care in September around next steps for the building.

I am excited to share the news of a new elementary school in Fernie, a testament to our ongoing commitment to expanding educational opportunities in a growing community. This milestone, years in the making, represents a significant step forward in providing more spaces for learning in our district.

As we enter year four of our Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, it is essential that we celebrate our achievements and reflect on areas where we can continue to grow and improve. Together with the Board of Education, teachers, and support staff, we will uphold our dedication to learning, personal growth, and the pursuit of knowledge that defines our district which will be reflected in our new Strategic Plan.

Education is not just about academics; it is about nurturing character, compassion, and resilience. Our experiences, both in and out of the classroom, shape us into well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to our community and to the world. I encourage you to follow our journey on our Facebook page and website, where we will continue to showcase the inspiring stories and achievements of our students and staff.

I look forward to reconnecting with students and staff in all our schools this fall. Together, let's make this school year one of continued growth, collaboration, and success.

Superintendent  
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