



# SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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**DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.**



### **Acknowledgement:**

We are proud to live, work, play, and learn on the ancestral, unceded territory of the syilx people.

### **Mission:**

We inspire and nurture students to thrive in their learning, relationships, and community.

### **Vision:**

To become a community where all are respected, and each person is encouraged to develop their potential.

# January Superintendent Report 2023

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Welcome back everyone! We hope all enjoyed having the break on the back side of the holiday celebrations and are all able to return to learning rested and rejuvenated.

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## Assessment & Reporting - K-12 Student Reporting Policy Information for Families

The K-12 Student Reporting Policy Framework (“the framework”) is the result of extensive consultation and engagement with the education sector, including rightsholders, partners, teachers, parents, caregivers, students, and the public. The framework provides an overview of the upcoming changes to the Student Reporting Policy, set to be implemented in the 2023/24 school year.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/student-reporting-for-families>

What’s new:

- Student reporting practices that align with B.C.’s curriculum and provincial assessment system
- Ensuring timely and responsive feedback on student learning that parents can understand
- Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades K-9
- Graduation status update at Grades 10-12
- Student self-assessment and goal setting in all grades in the 3 written reports
- Changing the “I” reporting symbol to “IE” to denote “insufficient evidence” of learning instead of “incomplete” learning
- All learners, including students with a disability or diverse ability, will receive regular communications of student learning in the same way as their peers in any other program

What’s the same:

- 5 communications of student learning; 3 written and 2 of flexible format
- Written descriptive feedback to accompany scale or letter grade/percentage
- Letter grades and percentages at Grades 10-12

Learn more about the changes to student reporting by reading the [Student Reporting Policy Framework](#).

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## Career Education

The first [Vernon Female Trade Sampler](#) is full with a waitlist! Students and families will be having an orientation night at Okanagan College on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

[Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Applications](#) have been brought to schools and sent out to students with the application deadline coming January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have a student interested, please ask them to connect with their school Career Coordinator for more information.

[UBCO WWEST iSTAND STEM](#) Camps were full for our district and ran from Jan 3-6 at Fulton Secondary. Students from across the district in grades K-7 learned about a different STEM theme each day and reported having a great experience in the camp.

[Centre for the Arts and Technology Digital Bootcamp Grade 12](#) students and recent high school graduates are invited to attend four days of in-person, hands-on fun and exploration of the post-secondary programs from March 20th – 23rd, 2023. Digital Bootcamp is the best way to know that a future in arts and technology is right for you. Interested students are to connect with their Computer Lab teachers.

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**Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC)** – the first meeting of EPAC will be held on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm. The meeting will be led by Anne Cooper who has been contracted to review and update all District policies. The meeting will include representatives from: the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools or designate; Secretary Treasurer or designate; Principal or Vice-Principal Association (PVPA); Vernon Teachers' Association (VTA) (1); Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 5523 (CUPE) (1); District Parent Advisory Council (DPA) (1); Métis Association Representative (1); Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) (1); Other district staff and or community members may attend where policies related to their positions are being discussed. The purpose of the Education Policy Advisory Committee is to assist the Board in policy development and policy revision by providing advice to the Board regarding educational policies in the areas of students, instruction, and community relations.

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**First Nations Education Steering Committee Conference (FNESC)** - The conference theme, *Resilience and Self-Determination: A Vision of the Future*, challenged us to reflect upon the history of First Nations education in BC and to learn about the consistent efforts of First Nations to exercise First Nations Control of First Nations Education. At the conference this year, we celebrated the first four First Nations – ʔaq'am, Cowichan Tribes, Seabird Island and Lil'wat Nation – who fully implemented their education jurisdiction, with law making authority. We also shared information about the new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement, which will ensure that all secondary school students graduate with knowledge of Indigenous cultures and perspectives. While it will be mandatory next year, we are pleased to say that School District 22 is ahead by implementing as many courses as possible this calendar year. Some BAA courses and others are forthcoming to the Board of Education. To support understanding of students, parents and staff about the Indigenous Focused Course Graduation Requirement, please review the attached links in this [brochure](#) and [video](#) in advance of course selection.

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**Local Education Agreement (LEA) Celebration** – The Board of Education is looking forward to celebrating the signing of our Local Education Agreement with Chief and Council from OKIB on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## **McCreary Centre Society Adolescent Health Survey**

SD22 will once again be participating in the McCreary Centre Society Adolescent Health Survey. A sample of schools and classrooms in SD22 have been selected for participation. Health nurses will support schools. Like all surveys, an informed consent letter will be sent out ahead of time through email and hard copy. For more information, please connect with: [https://mcs.bc.ca/about\\_bcahs](https://mcs.bc.ca/about_bcahs)

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**Scholarship Appreciation Night** – Thank you to all our scholarship sponsors who attended our district Appreciation evening at VSS on January 12, 2023. Last year, our district handed out over \$274,000 worth of scholarships. Many students would not be able to attend post-secondary if it was not for your generosity. Thank you. A massive thank you to those who complete all the hard work behind the scenes: Mel Maglio, Steve Plecas; Sandra Glinsbockel; Dave MacKenzie; Christopher Colclough; Raelyn Bauer; Kayla Coble, Tim Agnew; Christina Fenn; Lori Knight; and Corinne McWhinney.

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## **SD22 Programs of Choice and Academies**

Information sessions for each Program of Choice have been communicated out to all SD22 families and posted on our district website. Please refer to <https://sd22.bc.ca/programs-of-choice/> and the principal of the programs school should you have any questions. The Academy information session for all academies will be held at Fulton Secondary Feb. 22 starting at 6:00 pm.

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## Seaton Family of Schools:



### Alexis Park Elementary



We had so much fun welcoming Kindergarten & Grade 1 students to school early one morning for a Family Literacy Engagement Session with the Early Learning Success Team.

Language & story is a source of joy, and this morning was full of smiles, laughter, and learning, while students played with their grown-ups at winter-themed literacy stations!

Mrs. Tobi Huggins, our incredible Music Teacher, helped all Alexis Park students **shine their light** in our Winter Concert on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

It was a magical performance and we are so proud of the talents the students displayed and the musical growth & progress they demonstrated. Well done!





We are so grateful to the countless volunteers at Trinity United Church who prepared a delicious winter lunch for our entire school community.

We enjoyed lunch seated in our buddy classes and feasted on turkey and all the fixings. Students & staff were so excited that this annual tradition could continue this year after a few years missed due to the pandemic.



Each year, the Grade 6/7 classes prepare the Winter Store – complete with a wide variety of donated gifts that students can purchase for a minimal amount and wrap up and take home to a loved one.

This year's event was a huge success!





## Beairsto Elementary

Every year the Beairsto community tries to help a place in our community. For the last few years Mme. Brown has been organising helping the young parent and families programme at NOYFSS. This year we were able to donate about \$3500 – this helps this programme for almost a year! Thankful that we can help our community!

Skating has been so much fun for children of all ages! Both rinks were quickly signed up!



Having families in to have different classroom moments with their children.

Multicultural day in Mme Baturin's class.

Backdrop for Mme McLean's evening fun.



Other families had musical presentations, art evenings, seeing and experiencing some fun crafts, and life in different classrooms. WE enjoy having our families in.

PAC helps with our case – Mme Mongerson, Walters class helps the school crate gingerbread houses.

Teatime with Mme. Duchesne (one of our ISWs) and other stations in gr 2-3 classes – celebrating Metis culture.





Fun with Santa



Gr 7 s with kindies - big and little buddies creating snowmen.



And our most magical time in December at Beirsto is Air Gymnastics – we have pics of our first timers – the kindies and the Grade ones along with some pics of older students ...





## Harwood Elementary

The Seaton band came to Harwood to perform. We had the pleasure of listening to some members of the Grade 8 Band and the Jazz Band. It was great to see some former Harwood students come back and perform as well.



One of our Grade 6/7 classes brought all the supplies to build their very own Gingerbread structures. They had to design, build, and describe the challenges they faced in completing their structures.



The finishing touches are being done for the Winter concert. The theme this year is **“The Gifts of Winter”**.

A huge thank you to our fantastic Fine Arts teacher, Ms. Learmont, for her tireless work in making this a special production for the Harwood school community.





## L. Seaton Secondary

Preparing for a grad vs. staff - floor hockey game that raised over \$1200 for Cystic Fibrosis.



Connections - sharing a holiday lunch.

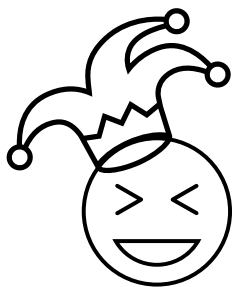


Seaton concert and jazz bands show excellence at the Performing Arts Centre.



Food trucks with menus and samples.





If you are travelling don't forget your toilet trees.



Students learning about the importance of attending college and/or university.

Seaton students learning from Michael Ochoa about living life in balance according to the medicine wheel.



## Vernon Family of Schools



This past month has been amazing, so many great things have happened!



Elementary students enjoyed skating while Secondary students enjoyed cupcake decorating on our activity days.





Dance Academy students have been working so hard preparing for their Christmas Showcase.



And Volleyball Academy students gave back to the community with their "Serve-it-Up" projects. The group shown here visited Chartwell Retirement Residence and played board games and spread Christmas cheer.





## ALP/ Open Door/CrossRoads

Thank you to the district from Gus for the amazing hat.



Gingerbread house contest at ALP



Clerical - the glue that holds our schools together.



**BX Elementary**

At BX we take full advantage of having Silver Star Mountain so close to us. This month classes have had a lot of winter fun snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.



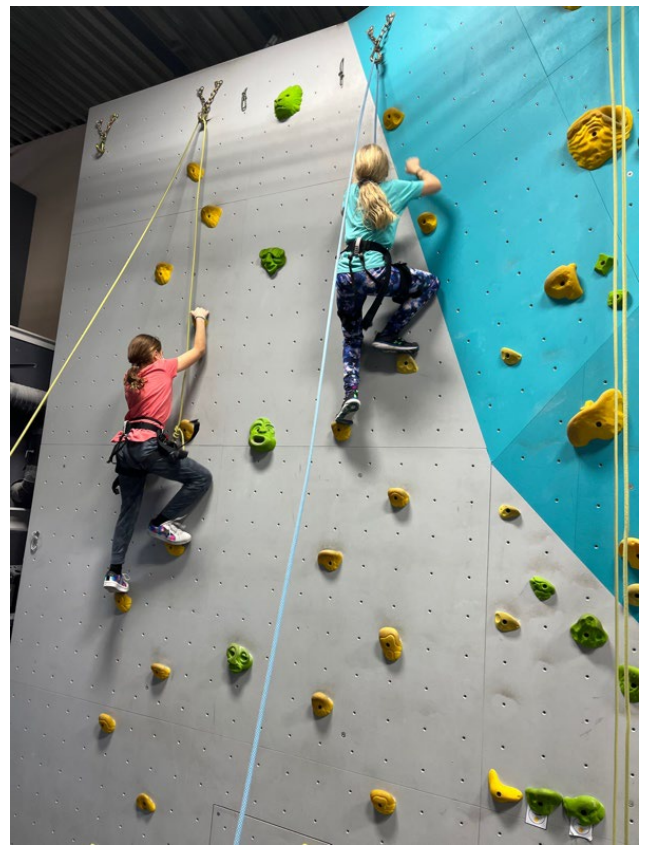




**When it's too cold outside why not try rock climbing?**







**Our Fine Arts teacher, Michelle Johnson, put on a fabulous show! How wonderful it was to have an audience again. There were smiles all around and it certainly put us all in the holiday spirit.**









## Hillview Elementary

On December 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the season with a school concert. The theme of our concert was: "Peace, Love, Joy & Hope." Mrs. Britton, our Fine Arts teacher, and our students, outdid themselves. It was wonderful to have our first concert since 2019!

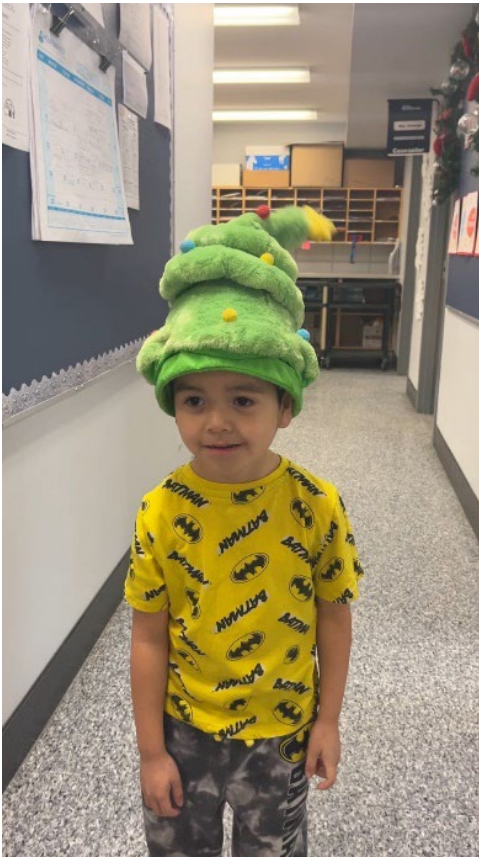


On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Divisions 1 and 4 hosted a Young Entrepreneur Fair. Students created a product to sell to the community, presented their business plans, and welcomed the Hillview community to the gym for their sale!

WOW! There were some amazing things for sale and our younger students enjoyed the chance to shop and see all the creativity of the older students.







**Silver Star Wolfpack spirit days and winter activities. From grades 1 to 7 we had so much fun from Cookie decorating to reindeer making to Waffle cone /Christmas tree creations.**









Kindergartens perform their reindeer song for the principal and their parents.

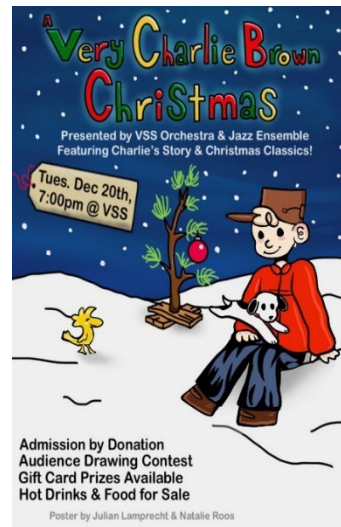


## Vernon Secondary School

Junior Girls Volleyball team achieved a bronze medal in the provincial championships this fall. Our Senior Boys football team made it to the Semi-final game at BC Place and lost to the eventual champions. Our Junior Boys football team made it to BC Place for the Provincial Championship and played extremely well and placed second in BC. Congratulations to all our athletes and coaches for your hard work this season.



VSS hosted a “Very Charlie Brown Christmas” concert.



**Madeline Hackman** will be playing at Beacom College which is a NCAA D2 school in Delaware. Madeline has been playing basketball for 8 years and has loved every second of it. She is very grateful to her teammates and coaches who have supported her on this journey. She hopes to not only further her basketball career but to study Psychology. Congratulations!

**Lauren Hoard**, co-captain of the VSS Sr. Girls Volleyball team will be playing for Vancouver Island University (VIU) Mariners next fall! She has been a standout player for VSS since grade 8 and we wish her all the best and can't wait to watch her on the livestreams!





# Fulton Family of Schools



## Ellison Elementary

The Landing Church organized a turkey dinner for our entire school. This annual tradition included turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and vegetables. The food was a huge hit!





## Mission Hill Elementary

Our intermediate team took their students to Silver Star Mountain's Tube Town for the afternoon. Some of our students had never been up to Silver Star, so it was a very exciting and worthwhile adventure that inspired many laughs and smiles.





**We invited our school community in for our Christmas Concert on December 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a full gym for both shows. The performances did not disappoint!**



**Partners with fashion sense....**



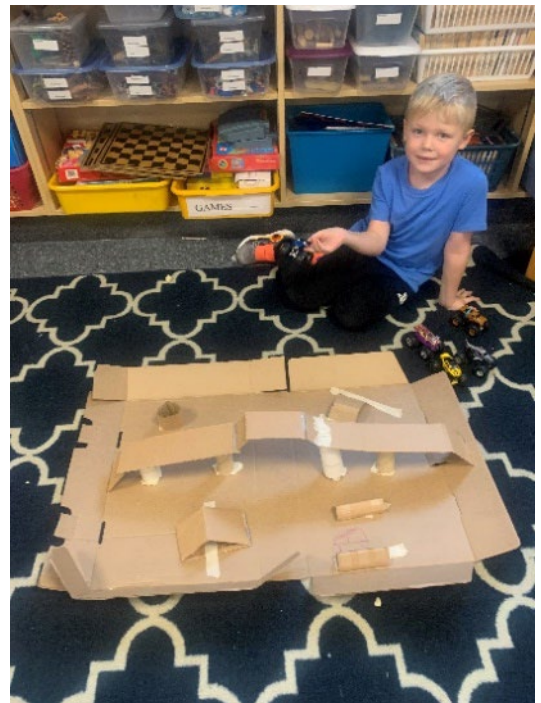




## Okanagan Landing



“Not a Box” activity. Students were challenged to make anything but a box out of a box. Here you see a Shopkins hotel and racetrack designed by two of our gr. 2 students.



Gr. 5/6 and grade 1 buddies work together on designing routes for ozobots to travel.







Frisbee Rob drew students from the audience to entertain the school with amazing frisbee skills.



Seth Spotted Eagle wowed the students with his dancing skills



Junior Vipers players join our primary classes to read with students once a week.





A class practices their drumming skills to “Mr. Grinch” in preparation for our winter concert.



Elf'ing around at Fulton.



Christmas Tree decorating contest



Leadership students working hard to get resources to help Fulton families.



# Kalamalka Family of Schools



## Coldstream Elementary

'Tis the season for giving' and the Coldstream students came through with generosity by "cramming the cruiser" to support the local food bank.







## Kidston Elementary

Grade 4/5 hiking the Orchard Trail.



Kidston Choir backstage at the Allen Andrew Holiday Show at the Vernon Performing Arts center.



Christmas Crafts in the grade 4 classroom



Kindergartens exploring the great outdoors at Fulton Forest





Kal Secondary Band performing for Kidston.



**Lavington Elementary**





## Lavington Spirit

We just finished our Elf Jr. Performance, and it was a huge success!

We are so proud of our students as they dedicated countless hours preparing for the show. Our students aged 4 thru 12 were the actors/actresses, light crew, sound crew, stage crew, props crew, singers, runners, and stage designers. Behind the scenes was a true reflection of the amazing Lavington Community.



A huge 'thank you' to the Lavington Community Association, Parent Advisory Council, parents, and staff for supporting this unique student opportunity. The Lavington Community is a special place that continues to find ways to support one another and wrap the school with care.







## Kalamalka Secondary

This has been a fantastic month at KAL. Our original play, *Off the Rails*, is a musical about a neurodiverse young person navigating their way from Kamloops to Toronto while trying to stay safe and sane. The show juxtaposed what can be seen on the outside vs what may be going on inside a person with neurodiversity. At the core is family, empathy, identity, coping strategies, and acceptance.



Our Sr. Girls Volleyball team won the AA Provincial Championship. Our Jr. Girls placed 4<sup>th</sup> and our Jr. Boys placed 8<sup>th</sup> at Provincials.



# Bloom Family of Schools



## Charles Bloom Secondary



Handmade Tool in SS 9...

Christmas Cookie Relay...



Grad vs. Staff Hockey Game...





Just Dance at Christmas Assembly...



**Cherryville Elementary**

Students were practicing to get ready for the big performance.



Our school had a Christmas store where students bought gifts with canned food. We collected a lot of food for the food bank.





The Cherryville outdoor rink is open! Our K-2 students were enjoying skating at the rink.



## J.W. Inglis Elementary

Jim Haxton from Tolko (White Valley Division) gave a \$2000 donation to the JW Inglis PAC to help support their hot lunch and breakfast program. Several students accept the cheque on behalf of the school and PAC. They're in Kindergarten so Tolko's financial support will impact their learning environment and access to food for many years to come.







Students from grade 3 put compost from their classroom in the worm bin operating out of the principal's office. The worm castings will provide nutrients to the 4 garden bins in our courtyard! Those banana peels will come back as...tomatoes, lettuce...! Saving the landfill from filling up and giving back to the Earth and ourselves!

Students have been donating to the Food Bank box here at the school so that families in need will have a better holiday season! It's all about giving!



# Indigenous Programs

Lunch time creativity in the VSS Welcome Room.



Lunch time activities in the VSS Welcome Room.

Grade 12 students learning about scholarships, awards, and bursaries at Grad Event #1 called "Transitions 2023".





**Students learning about the importance of attending college and/or university.**



**Seaton students learning from Michael Ochoa about living life in balance according to the medicine wheel.**

## **Human Resources**

January begins staffing season for the next school year for the Human Resources department as we will begin to review population projections and host meetings with school-based admin to prepare for September. We will also be working closely with secondary schools to prepare for second semester on February 1. On January 18<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting an OH&S training session for new site based OH&S members.

## Student Learning



The Learning Coordinators (Scott Belshaw, Lindsay Forrest, Jennifer Carter) facilitated a meeting with Members of the Middle Years Leadership Team to brainstorm and discuss system and structural change that can best support our Middle Years learners. It will be exciting to see how this collaboration will help build Middle Years programming and support grades 6-9 students moving forward.

As part of a residency at BX, Kristin Beeby and Sarah Kwantes are working with students to explore different technologies as part of their literacy and numeracy learning. This image shows students exploring, questioning, and social equity through Minecraft and Seesaw.







Chelsea Kiddine is working alongside Brock Honey and the Summit program in a residency at Charles Bloom. Part of their focus is on providing opportunity for students to represent and reflect on their work using the multimodal tools on Spaces allowing student agency at all levels.

## Career Programs



Students got to check out the woodlot and learn about the Forestry Program in the snow.

Students taking Certificate Programs at Okanagan College stepped outside of their classes for a short break to say hello.



## Inclusive Education Department

Our wonderful group of inclusion staff that support students in our Connections Programs. This group was preparing one of the many activities that make this time of the year special for our students.





## International

International Program students have been fully immersed in winter. For some, it is their first-time experiencing winter. They are learning to adjust to, and embrace a new climate and culture.

Students have been loving all the snow, skiing, and boarding recently. The early start of the ski season was very welcomed by many International Students. Further, nearly 200 of the district's International Students recently took part in a day at Silver Star to enjoy tubing, skating, hockey, and hot dogs. It was a great day!

Many of our students are soon leaving to travel home for the holidays, while others will experience their first Christmas in Canada. No matter where they are spending their holidays, all our students are looking forward to Winter Break!









## Finance Department

December was a busy month for the Finance team, especially our payroll team as they worked incredibly hard to ensure that the requirements of both the CUPE and Teachers collective agreements were met! Huge shoutout to Angie, Lyn, and Robbin! We did find some time for some finance fun and enjoyed sampling each other's creative Christmas favorites!

On behalf of the Finance team, we hope you had a safe and fun Winter Break!



## Festive Fun...



Santa's Elves Working



Transportation





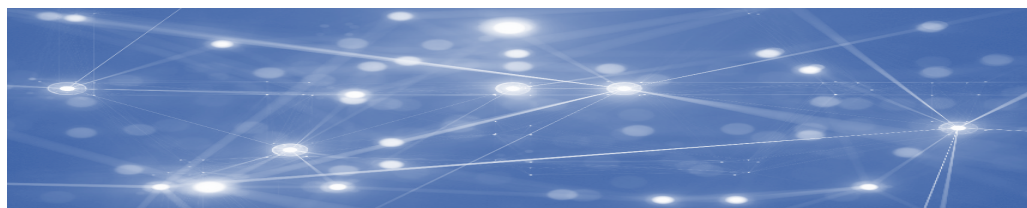


## Information Technology Department

We are pleased to announce that **Josh Vance** is appointed to the role of **Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology**. Josh's leadership roles in the District and extensive experience developing the use of technology across the District sets us up well for continued success in innovation and technology. We are excited to have Josh on board in this role.

Josh will officially start this new role on February 1, 2023. Congratulations, Josh!

| IT Department: January 2023 Report |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Help Desk Activity                 | Over the past quarter, the IT Team has responded to approximately <b>1,725 helpdesk tickets</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Phone Call Activity                | In addition to help desk tickets, the IT Team has responded to over <b>2,500 support related phone calls</b> during the same time period                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Chromebook Refurbishing            | <p>The department has refurbished 400+ of the 600 Chromebooks removed / refreshed in schools during the summer. 80 of these devices have been gifted to families in need during the month of October.</p> <p>There is still 200+ refurbished Chromebooks currently available for families in need. These devices can be provided free of charge but with support no longer available from Google, or from the district. Contact the helpdesk for more information.</p> |
| VSS Refresh                        | The last of the Windows 7 devices are currently being replaced at VSS with desktops and laptops. 45 laptops and desktops have been refreshed during the month of November & December                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Self-Serve Password                | The IT team is currently working on implementing self-serve password services for students (employees will be next). This is a modern solution which will allow system users to manage, reset, and change their own passwords.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| New Wireless Deployment            | <p>The wireless refresh project is underway. Delivery of the first shipment of switches and Access Points is expected later in December or early January 2023.</p> <p>The Team has reviewed both Seaton and Kidston and expect to start deploying switches and Access Points in March 2023.</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Adobe Licensing                    | The Team will be upgrading Adobe licensing for both employees and students over the winter break.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |





## Maintenance

Our fleets are ready to roll with our new logo – looking fabulous!



The days are getting longer and longer – enjoy the winter, spring is coming!

