



# Vancouver Board of Education

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

1580 West Broadway  
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 5K8

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and district staff, to wish students and families a happy 2018. For many people, the start of a new year signifies new beginnings, hope and optimism.

As 2018 gets underway, one of the changes within the school district is the addition of our new Superintendent of Schools, Suzanne Hoffman. Ms. Hoffman brings many years of experience in public education from her work in Langley as well as her recent experience within the Ministry of Education. In her new role she will bring strong educational leadership and a wealth of knowledge on the redesigned curriculum.

The Board of Trustees is keen to continue working on behalf of the students in Vancouver. Most important is a focus on continuing to improve outcomes for your children in an effort to give them their best life chances. The Board will also maintain a strong focus on other priorities such as the VSB's commitment to the recruitment and retention of teachers, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, a focus on working with the Ministry of Education on seismic requirements and new schools, and providing effective leadership.

We are also excited to continue implementing BC's [new curriculum](#), with its focus on personalized learning, the core competencies of collaboration, critical and creative thinking and personal and social responsibility, as well as opportunities for real-life and hands-on learning experiences. The District also continues to explore ways to better communicate student learning so that parents and guardians can work more closely with their child's teachers to help them achieve success.

The Board and the senior staff are committed to engaging with parents, staff, and stakeholders, to build a stronger school district with student success at its heart. In the months ahead, we look forward to sharing many of the successes that are happening in schools throughout the district.

We wish all of our families a prosperous and healthy 2018.

Janet Fraser

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Board Chairperson  
School District #39 (Vancouver)

Suzanne Hoffman

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Superintendent of Schools  
School District #39 (Vancouver)