



# Vancouver Board of Education

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Dear VSB parents and guardians,

As your newly elected VSB trustees, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and let you know that we are excited to work together for the success of every one of our students.

Vancouver is a complex and diverse school district. With many issues to address over the coming year, we know that we have to be strategic in our approach. One of our first actions was to hire Suzanne Hoffman as our new superintendent effective January 8, 2018. Suzanne is an excellent educator and collaborative administrator and brings great experience and expertise to build on our district's successes.

One of our priorities is to continue the VSB's commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Other priorities include ensuring the seismic program is moving ahead, supporting our district in the recruitment and retention of teachers and support staff and establishing improved governance practices in the district.

We are mindful of the need to have a respectful workplace with good communication between all parties at VSB, including staff, parents, students and stakeholders. This, to us, is essential in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

We recognize that parents and guardians are our students' first teachers and we value your partnership in education, your engagement and input. Each school has recently been assigned a [liaison trustee](#) and we look forward to visiting our schools and meeting parents and guardians, students, and staff. We also invite you to attend our [board and committee meetings](#), and you can learn more about trustees and our work at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/board-committees>.

Our district's vision is "We inspire student success by providing an innovative, caring and responsive learning environment." It is the cornerstone of our [five-year strategic plan](#), which was developed in consultation with our partners and sets out a clear and shared direction for the future of public education at the VSB. As trustees, we are committed to this vision and to working with you to achieve student success.

Sincerely,

Janet Fraser – Chairperson  
Joy Alexander – Vice-Chairperson  
Fraser Ballantyne, Carrie Bercic, Ken Clement  
Lisa Dominato, Estrellita Gonzalez  
Allan Wong, Judy Zaichkowsky