

## Happy Holidays from the Sooke School District and Board of Education.

Our schools and sites will be closed from December 19 to January 2, with classes resuming at all schools on Tuesday, January 2023.

## A Message from the Superintendent

As we close 2022, I want to thank each of you for your contributions to make the Sooke School District a great place to learn and grow. Whether it's by joining a parent advisory council, attending a board meeting or being an active participant in the day-to-day learning of our students, we are grateful to have your support. If you are new to our district, I encourage you to find ways to get involved with your school and make connections with the staff who support your children in their learning journey. When we work together, we can position our students to be the best that they can be.

I am thankful to the staff of SD62 who work hard in so many different roles to support our students, families and infrastructure. Their dedication and passion are reflective in the strong sense of belonging that we have in our school communities. When I have the opportunity to visit our schools and sites, I am reminded of the special relationships and connections our staff have built that contribute to our positive learning and working environments.

Our students continue to impress and inspire me on a daily basis. They are the heart of why my colleagues, and I do the work that we do. We will continue to ensure that their voice and choice is always honoured and that our schools will be safe and respectful communities.

To our parents and caregivers, your role is not an easy one but certainly the most rewarding. Thank you for being an advocate for your child and for others. I am grateful that our schools are open, and we have seen a return of events where we can celebrate achievements and events together again. It is good to see you again.

Finally, thank you to our Board of Trustees for their leadership. Your role as the community's voice for public education is critical and we will continue to look to you to guide our strategic direction as we grow and prepare for tomorrow.

Have a wonderful break.

Sincerely,

Scott Stinson

Superintendent/CEO