



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

Superintendent's District Start-Up Report 2025 - 2026

Ministry of Education and Child Care Announcement – New Middle School

- Commendations to the Board of Education for the continual advocacy for more classroom spaces
- Ministry of Education and Child Care Capital Investment of over \$400 M over the past several years
- New Middle School
 - Located on the Burtch Road property
 - Cost of approximately \$101 million
 - 800 new seats in Glenmore neighbourhood
 - Culturally responsive spaces designed in consultation with Indigenous communities
- Next Steps
 - Board will enact Policy 605 - Educational Facility Planning and Policy 630 - Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities

Facility Updates

There were a record number of projects undertaken over the summer months, in addition to the normal custodial clean-up that took place in every school in the District:

- North Glenmore Elementary Expansion Project
- Chief Tomat Elementary Expansion Project
- Webber Road Elementary Expansion Project
- Hudson Road Childcare
- George Pringle Secondary School
- École Dr. Knox Middle Expansion Project
- Board of Education Learning Centre Renovation
- 7 Portable moves: 6 Rutland Senior, 1 Springvalley Middle
- Resurfaced 8 gymnasium floors

A detailed facility update will be provided at the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting on September 17th and at the September 24th Public Board Meeting.

Preliminary Student Enrolment

- 2025 /2026 Annual Budget was built conservatively on a 150 student FTE increase.
- Preliminary indicators are showing student enrolment lower than projected in some elementary schools.
- District staff continue to work alongside school Principals to validate and confirm student enrolment.
- Senior staff are developing a contingency plan to address the possibility of lower enrolment.
- An update will be provided at the September 24, 2025 Public Board meeting.

BC Summer Games

- Hosting the 2026 BC Summer Games

- July 22 - 26, 2026

- 12 Host Schools

Pearson Road Elementary

Quigley Elementary

Rutland Elementary

Rutland Secondary

Bankhead Elementary

Canyon Falls Middle

Casorso Elementary

École Glenmore Elementary

Watson Road Elementary

École Kelowna Secondary

École Okanagan Mission Secondary

École KLO Middle

- Supporting bus transportation

Financial Update

- The external auditors have concluded their year-end review of the District's financial reports.
- The fiscal and accounting and control processes were once again found to be comprehensive and appropriate.
- The 2025/2026 Annual Budget is \$381,087,979.

Transportation Update

Transportation Summary (as of September 5, 2025)

7299	Transportation Applications received between January 31 and September 5, 2025
76	School Bus Routes
5096	Assigned Seats
3833	Eligible students currently assigned to a bus route
1034	Courtesy riders currently assigned to a bus route

Technology Update

Technology Refresh

- Refreshed student laptops at 23 schools (1,800)
- Replaced the fleet of photocopiers and printers at all schools and departments

Digital Equity, Wellness and Learning Technologies

- Supported digital equity and wellness in schools with a focus on student mental health and supporting families

District Use of Artificial Intelligence Guidelines

- Implementation and education of the new Guidelines in schools for the 2025/2026 school year

Privacy and Cybersecurity

- Implemented various protocols and software updates to improve cybersecurity
- Provided privacy and security learning sessions for various stakeholders

Next Steps

A 2025-2026 District Update will be provided at the **September 24, 2025** Public Board Meeting.

