

June 27, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the staff of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, I want to thank you for your efforts, cooperation, and support during this past year. Your children continue to do exceptionally well as a learning community. Students with the support of staff have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support worthy causes in our community. Academically, we continue to exceed provincial averages in graduation and scholastic achievement. Our graduates received millions in entrance scholarships and over half a million dollars in local scholarships. Students have excelled at athletics and eGames, winning provincial championships. In the fine and performing arts, our youth have entertained the community with professional quality performances. I encourage you to check out the Superintendent of Schools/CEO Year in Review – June 2025 posted on our website (under publications) to get more of the details. Needless to say, our young people are flourishing.

All of these accomplishments couldn't happen without your steadfast support of public education and your willingness to share your time and effort to build caring school communities. As families, you have displayed courage as you entrusted the District, and its dedicated staff, to help your children grow and learn, during politically sensitive times that are impacting our economy and international stability.

Whether you provided direct support to your children's schools as active members of the school Parent Advisory Council, volunteered as a coach, supported events, or helped in your role as the primary educators of your children – we know the school related successes of Central Okanagan Public School learners happens because of the collective efforts of students, parents, and staff.

As I retire from 40 years of public service, I hope that you have a safe, restful, and fun summer break. Once again, please take a moment to reflect with gratitude and pride on your children's achievements. Students have learned to be resilient, learned to contribute to their communities, and learned to thrive as members of a global community with your support.

We thank you for working with us to continue to build caring communities because "Together We Learn".

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaardal

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Superintendent of Schools/CEO Central Okanagan Public Schools