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2024 School Opening Report

Part 1

September 11, 2024



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THEME FOR 2024/2025



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FIRST DAY/WEEK OF SCHOOL



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SCHOOL OPENING ENROLMENT TRENDS

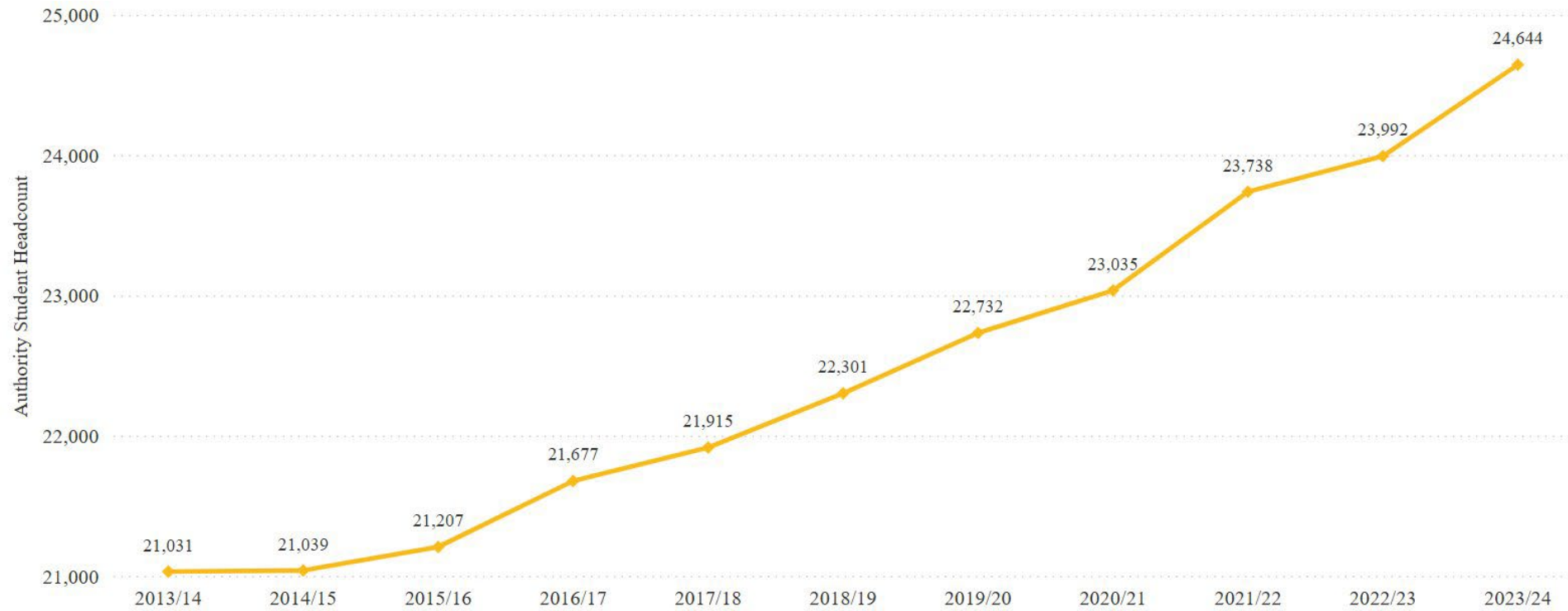


- Increase of **199** students over last year's September 30, 2023 numbers (24,203)
- Currently **25,252** students are attending in-class instruction with **243** attending eSchoolBC, which results in a current headcount of **25,495.**



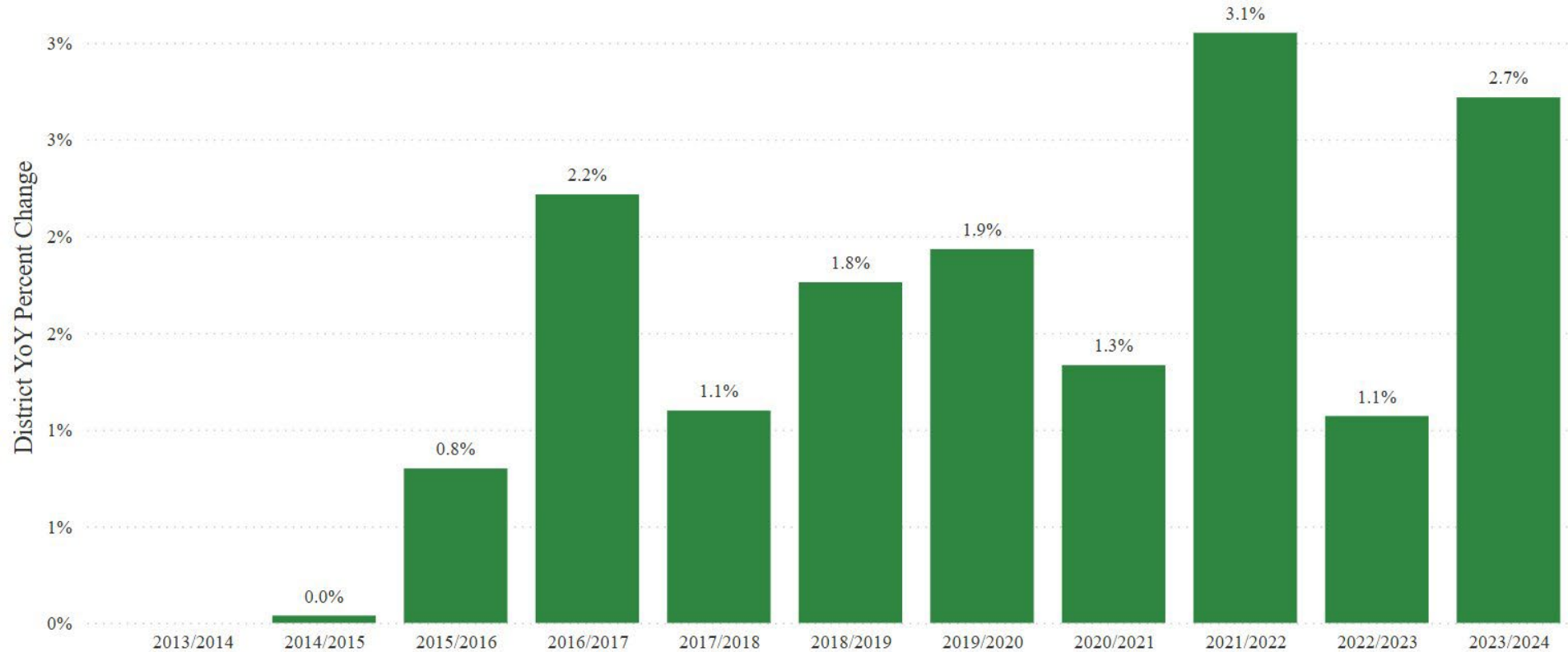
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10-YEAR STUDENT ENROLLMENT GROWTH



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ENROLLMENT YEAR OVER YEAR PERCENTAGE INCREASE



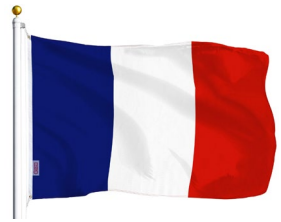
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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/ THE WELCOME CENTRE



International Education

- **410** students confirmed for 2024/2025 school year
- **476** fee paying students have arrived
- Students attending in the International Education Program for the 2024/2025 school year represent **28** countries and jurisdictions



Welcome Centre

- The Welcome Centre staff have welcomed **313** (K-12) students and their families from **46** countries compared to last year's new registrations of **286** students. There are currently **2,362** newly immigrated children attending Central Okanagan Public Schools.



HUMAN RESOURCES RECRUITMENT



- **313** teacher postings processed during the months of May and June.
- **225** full-time temporary contracts awarded to teachers this summer.
- **520** support staff postings, which included 370 Certified Education Assistant (CEA) postings during 2023/2024 school year. **93** CEAs have been hired since January 2024.
- **101** Senior Staff, Management, Principal and Vice-Principal changes occurred during the 2023/2024 school year (retirements, resignations, appointments, reassignments, contract renewals).
- Since September 2023, **226** new teachers were hired into temporary contracts or placed on the Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) list.



HUMAN RESOURCES RECRUITMENT



- In addition to other universities within and outside of our province, our partnership with the Teacher Education Program at the University of British Columbia-Okanagan (UBC-O) continues to provide our District with high quality beginning teachers throughout K-12.
- In addition to hosting teacher candidates from UBC Vancouver, University of Victoria, University of Calgary, and Thompson Rivers University, we are hosting **92** UBC Okanagan teacher interns who will complete their program in December 2024.



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HUMAN RESOURCES RECRUITMENT



- The selection process for the following senior staff and management positions were concluded:
 - Assistant Project Manager
 - Business Process Manager
 - Director of Instruction – Indigenous Education and Equity
 - District Principal of Human Resources
 - District Principal of Transitions
 - District Vice-Principal of International Education
 - Human Resources Advisor
 - International Homestay Coordinator
 - Purchasing Manager
 - SWIS Program Manager
- We now employ **4,495** employees, which includes **56** District-Level Senior Administration/District-Level Exempt Staff, **110** administrators (Principals/Vice-Principals), **2,422** teachers/teachers teaching on call and **1,907** support staff. Recruitment of Teachers Teaching on Call and Certified Education Assistants continues to be a priority for Human Resources.



FINANCIAL



- 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 2024/2025 Annual Budget is **\$374,795,441.**



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.
- A full facility update will be provided at the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting on September 18th and at the September 25th Public Board Meeting.



FACILITY UPDATES



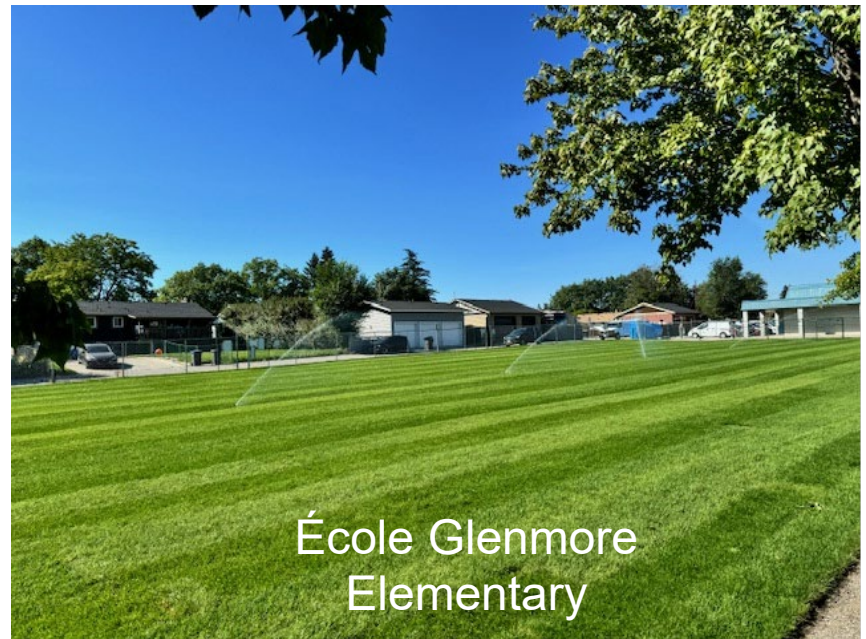
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Elementary



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Elementary



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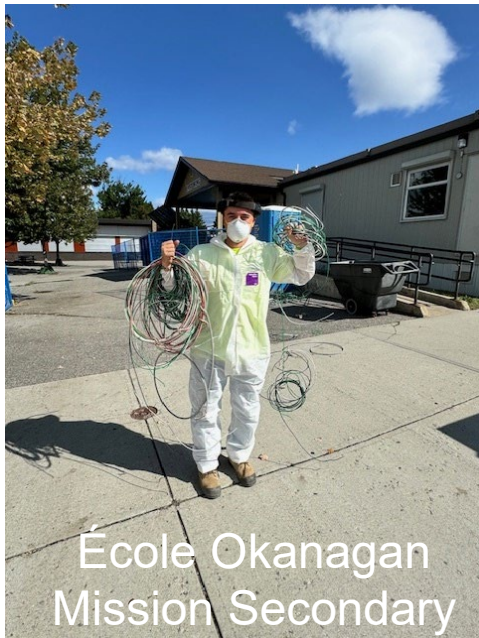
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Mission Secondary



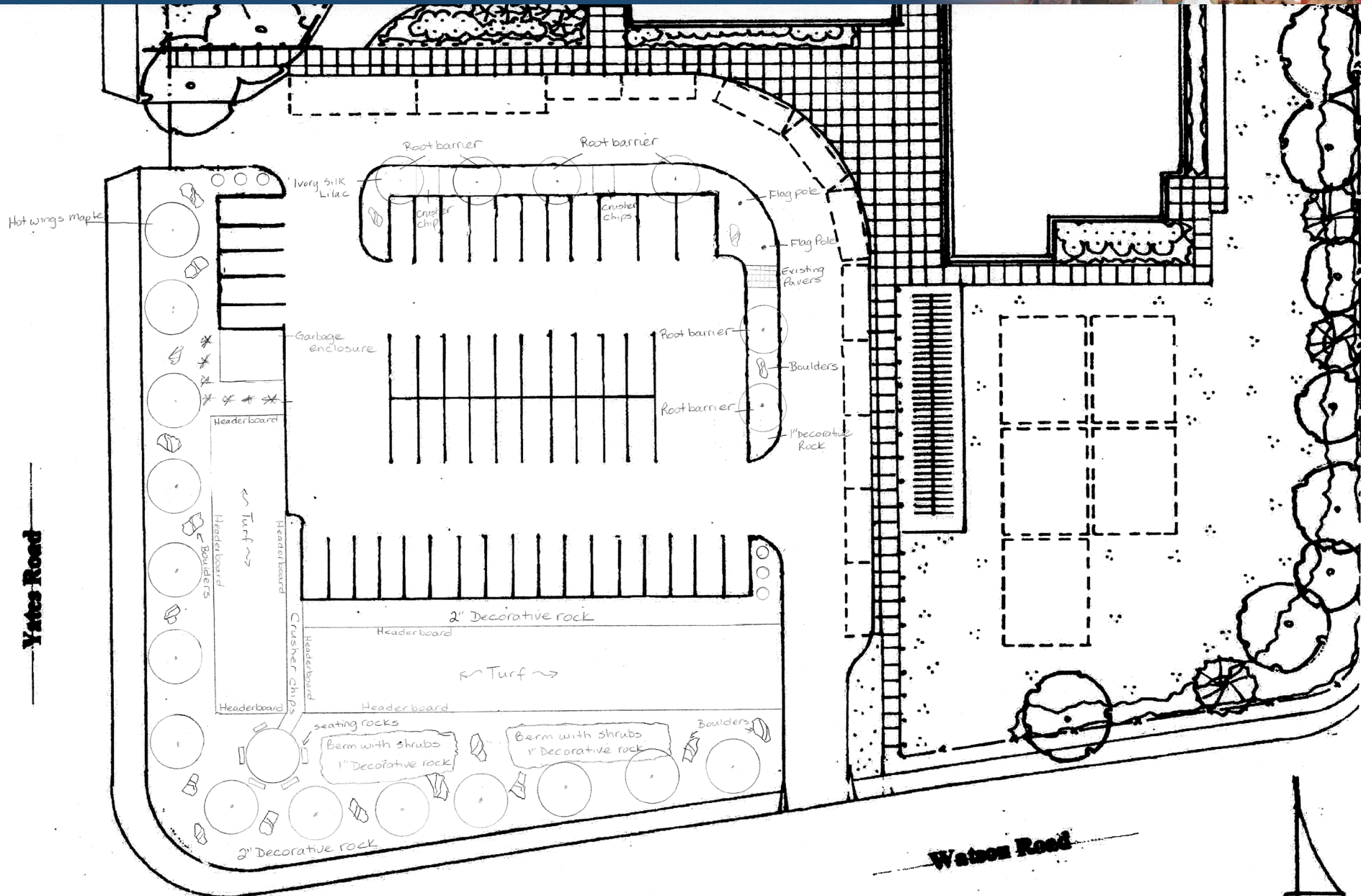
École Hudson Road Elementary



École Dr. Knox Middle



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TECHNOLOGY



- Refreshed student devices at **23** schools
- Updated **393** staff devices and **2242** student laptops
- Provided **706** new iPads
- Implemented amendments to school Codes of Conduct that restrict student use of personal digital devices at all Central Okanagan Public schools.
- Created a District AI working group consisting of Administrators and Teachers at various school levels to develop AI Guidance documents for Central Okanagan Public Schools.
- Supported digital equity and wellness in schools with a focus on student mental health and supporting families.
- Continued to support families with personal learning devices for their students, distributing over **500** Chromebooks last year and assisting **19** families with the Telus – Internet for Good program.



TRANSPORTATION



- School buses in Central Okanagan Public Schools are now equipped with routing software that enhances student safety, increases fleet efficiency, and improves communication with parents, drivers, and schools. The software is available on a tablet mounted in a school bus.
- Completes an average of 3,200 field studies annually.
- 75 drivers assigned to a bus route position with 30 casual drivers.

Transportation Summary (as of September 5, 2024)

7733	Transportation Applications received between January 31 and September 5, 2024
75	School Bus Routes
5157	Assigned Seats
3952	Eligible students currently assigned to a bus route
1017	Courtesy riders currently assigned to a bus route
155	Special Education students assigned on 13 SPED routes
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NEXT STEPS



- **Part 2** of the 2024 School Opening Report, providing updates, will be provided at the **September 25, 2024** meeting of the Board of Education.



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