



June 22nd, 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students

My name is Sheila Hammond and I am honored and thrilled to be the principal of École Salish Secondary School. It is with great excitement that I welcome you to this new school community. It is not often that students have the opportunity to be a part of history by being the first students to enroll in a brand new school. There is an excitement that comes from creating something new and students coming to École Salish Secondary will have an opportunity to create the school culture and traditions, and build a school community that is rich in curricular and extracurricular activities.

École Salish Secondary will be a modern, new facility, designed on what we know about student learning and teaching. Among other features, it will have digital and traditional art studios, a fully-equipped theatre, a music room, dance studio, two gyms, a fitness lab, nutrition and lifestyle rooms, a learning commons, makerspaces, and full technology education facilities (metalwork, woodwork, design and drafting/engineering, robotics, and electronics). The school will be surrounded by beautiful grounds, a full size playing field and a practice field. If you have not already seen it, you will enjoy the online [virtual tour of the school](#).

Over the next 15 months, I will be working in the Cloverdale community, building a school culture that reflects 21st century learning. Together we will create school traditions and establish our own teams and clubs. I look forward to meeting with students and parents throughout the year as we have much work to do so we are ready to open in September 2018.

This summer, the École Salish Secondary website will be created and information about the progress on the construction of the school will be posted regularly throughout the year. We will forward the website address to you as soon as it is ready, as well as options to register your preferred online contact details so you can receive student/parent information and updates

Although the opening of École Salish Secondary seems so far away, the year will go by quickly. I look forward to working with students in creating the traditions and cultural norms of the new school. Having students involved in the set up of the school will be important, as this is their school. Starting in September 2017, I will be meeting with students from both Clayton Heights and Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary Schools, as well as visiting the Grade 7s at the elementary schools that will feed into École Salish Secondary, to begin to work with them on this process.

Beginning September 1st, 2017, a temporary office for École Salish Secondary will be set up at Martha Currie Elementary School. I will forward the office phone number and contact

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information once that office is set up and operating. Also in the fall, we will be turning our attention to the formation of the École Salish Secondary Parent Advisory Council and how parents can participate in establishing our new school community.

Once again, I am excited to the principal at École Salish Secondary and I am looking forward to working with students and parents in building our new school community. Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Sincerely,

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