



From the Office of the Superintendent
September 5, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The district has been busy for the past eight months preparing for the 2017-18 school year. As you may have already heard, school districts across the province were to adhere to new rules in class size and composition starting this school year. This meant that Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS) required over 100 new teaching positions to accommodate the new directive from the Ministry of Education.

District staff have successfully interviewed and hired the most qualified teachers for your children - with more being hired as permanent or teacher-teaching-on-call status.

Along with the hiring of teachers, the district has been working around the clock adding 54 new classroom spaces (42 elementary and 12 secondary). This was not an easy task, but the district's Facilities staff have done an admirable job. Some of the work is not 100% complete, I ask that you be patient with the district as it navigates through these unprecedented times.

September is normally a busy time. Every year, school staff work feverishly counting students, processing new enrolments, planning class lists, and organizing classrooms, among so many more projects.

If you require specific information about your school, feel free to visit your school website or give the office a call.

Lastly, a big welcome to the many new and returning families in the district. Education in BC has changed significantly in the past year and your child will directly benefit. Thank you for choosing Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Blain". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John Blain
Superintendent/CEO