

August 29, 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians / Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We are looking forward to working with you to ensure your child enjoys every success at school.

A few safety reminders for the school start-up: If you drive your child to school, please drive with caution, as there will be many children walking or biking to school, some for the first time. A number of our parking lots have had significant modifications to them to improve the safety of our students and ensure parking for staff; please be sure to check where you can stop your vehicle during drop-off and pick-up times. On a related note, there is considerable concern in the community about children using escooters. Presently, they are not legal on the streets of Mission, and our District cannot support their use and storage at our sites. The City has a survey on e-scooters here: https://engage.mission.ca/

Ministry of Education and Child Care Updates:

- This autumn, school districts will begin implementing mandatory literacy screening in kindergarten.
- Curriculum Updates for 2025/26 School Year:
- Holocaust education has been added to the Social Studies 10 curriculum -September 2025.
- PHE10: CPR and AED learning starting in the 2025/26 school year.
- Effective July 1, 2025, amendments to the <u>Support Services for Schools Ministerial Order</u> require Boards of Education to publish a district policy/procedure for unexpected health emergencies and to ensure Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and naloxone kits are accessible and maintained—secondary schools by Dec 31, 2025; elementary/middle schools by Sept 8, 2026. Mission already has AEDs and naloxone at all sites and an administrative procedure.

Communication is pivotal to supporting your child's success. For resources and guidelines on the most effective process for resolving any concerns, please refer to our website: Communication Guidelines

A great relationship means we can create a positive environment for all students. This reflects the Board of Education's stated Values that we embrace: Working Together; Lifelong Learning; Thinking Beyond Today; and Doing the Right Thing.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of growth and learning with our community.

Sincerely,

Angus Wilson

Superintendent of Schools