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Welcome to 2010/2011: a Message from the Chairperson and the Superintendent

It's with pleasure that we welcome you to the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year. This is always a time of great optimism and energy throughout the North Vancouver School District.

We begin this school year a somewhat leaner organization, with an unwavering commitment to student learning and success. Our Vision has given us guidance in decision-making and brought us to a place of stability. From here we can continue to move forward to:

“provide world-class instruction
and a rich diversity of engaging programs
to inspire success for every student
and bring communities together to learn, share and grow.”

The Board of Education will undertake a strategic planning process this year to further the work of bringing the Vision into reality. We are confident that while we will continue to operate in a challenging landscape, it is possible to be progressive and find opportunities, particularly in serving a community that places such a high value on education. In moving forward, the professionalism and resourcefulness of our staff is, as always, a commendable asset.

In the months ahead, you will be hearing often such phrases as “personalized learning” and “learning for the 21st century”. These are not new concepts for us, and we’re proud to have made many advances in our School District that support individual learners. We’re also grateful to all the parents who support students in their ongoing social, academic and intellectual development. Parental engagement is key—connecting with teachers and the school is an invaluable support to student learning.

For everyone, September is a month that always takes some sorting through. We thank our staff for their dedication, and we thank you for your contribution and involvement. We are all here to support students to the very best of our abilities. Welcome back! We look forward to working with you to create a great year of learning.

Sincerely,

NORTH VANCOUVER
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Chairperson

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