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Dear Students, Parents, and Caregivers:

As we reach the end of the 2023 school year and prepare for summer break, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to you for your hard work and dedication. I hope you are able to take the time to reflect on your growth and accomplishments this past year, and that you are looking forward to the next cycle of life and learning to come.

With summer on the horizon, it's time to relax, recharge, have some fun, and most importantly, spend time with those closest to you.

To the graduating class of 2023, my very heartfelt congratulations on reaching this major milestone in your lives. I encourage every graduate to keep learning and asking questions, and to look for the silver linings in life. Take the opportunities that come your way, help those around you, and know that your futures are full of possibilities.

Since becoming Minister of Education and Child Care, I have had incredible opportunities to visit many school districts throughout British Columbia--from Kamloops to Vernon, to Osoyoos, and other schools throughout the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. I'm excited to visit more school districts next year, and to connect with students, staff, families, and school communities to hear about the wonderful work you are doing, as well, how we can continue supporting that work.

A special thanks to all the parents and caregivers who help our students succeed every day, in so many ways, with a particular thank you to the parent volunteers who make up our local Parent Advisory Councils. We are grateful for all you do, as volunteers and as advocates. Together, we will continue to do our best to help keep students thriving and on a strong path to flourish in their school years and beyond.

I wish you all a much-deserved restful summer break with family, friends, and those whom you cherish most.

Sincerely,

Rachna Singh Minister