

May 29, 2020

Dear Families,

As we look ahead to the expansion of in-class instruction next week, I'm writing to share some information with you about our planning and what you can expect. As a district, we have done a great deal to prepare for a gradual return to school in a coordinated manner, and to adhere to the strict guidelines and requirements outlined by the Provincial Health Officer, Ministries of Health and Education, the BC Centre for Disease Control, the Fraser Health Authority and WorkSafe BC. You can learn more about our restart plan, and see sample schedules for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, on our website [here](#).

There is no doubt that our schools will look and feel different on June 1. We will see fewer students, with smaller classes in rooms configured to reduce contact and increase physical distance. Everyone will be required to clean their hands before entering the building and asked to assess themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19. I cannot emphasize enough how important it will be for students to stay home if they are unwell. Schedules, breaks and movement through schools will be organized differently, and we may see more outdoor activity with the warm, sunny weather. These are just some of the changes you can expect. You can see further details [on our website](#).

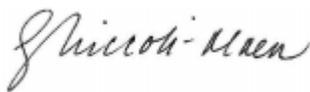
I want to reiterate that while we are strictly adhering to health and safety measures and doing all that we can to mitigate the risk of COVID-19, we understand that some of you feel more comfortable continuing with remote learning at home for the remainder of the school year. We recognize how exceedingly difficult recent months have been for families, and we respect your decision to do what is best for your family. I want to reassure you that, whatever decision you make, your child will continue to be supported. Lesson opportunities at school provide in-class support, and those students who will be continuing with remote learning at home will not be missing new material.

Last week, families were sent a survey about their plans for returning to school. By now your principal will have sent you a letter outlining schedules and what to expect on June 1. If you have questions or have changed your mind since responding to the school's survey, please contact your principal directly so that they can plan accordingly.

COVID-19 has caused many challenges for everyone. Undoubtedly, as we move forward with expanding in-class learning, we will encounter further challenges. We also recognize that, along with anticipation, there may be some anxiety about returning to school. Please know that we will continue to manage these challenges together, always with our priority remaining the health, safety and well-being of our entire community.

I cannot express enough my gratitude for the continued support and tireless efforts of all students, families and staff. We look forward to welcoming students next week. Whether in-person or virtual, this last month of school will no doubt be another memorable step in this unforgettable school year. Please take good care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Sincerely,



Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent

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