

Office of the Superintendent

Shelley Green - Superintendent

May 8, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Expansion of In-Class Instruction

This week the Premier announced BC's Restart Plan, which includes expanding in-class instruction in schools across the province. We wish to connect with families to provide an update on our next steps and how we will be proceeding with in-class instruction throughout K-12 in our District.

Many of our schools are already providing some in-class learning opportunities for children of essential service workers and some of our vulnerable students. Our District has implemented on-site safety protocol and are following the guidelines established by the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) and BC Centre for Disease Control to ensure the safety of all students and staff upon their return to our schools.

As we expand face-to-face K-12 learning opportunities, we will experience new learning curves as we navigate offering both in-class and remote learning simultaneously. Our District is currently planning for the following:

- In-class learning for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 on a part-time rotating basis;
- Access to in-class learning as required for grades 6 -12 on a part-time basis;
- Continued support for remote and online learning opportunities.

In anticipation of schools opening up more, our District and School Based Teams have been working to provide educational guidelines to support learning through a rotational mixed learning model (in-person and remote). We will continue to coordinate with our schools to create a schedule for students in the coming weeks.

As we create a system that implements various methods of learning and engagement, we want to inform parents and guardians that in-class instruction is optional. It is up to families to determine if they wish for their children to return to class prior to the end of this school year.

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We will have more information and a more developed outline of what the transition back into the classroom will look like in mid-May. We have been informed by the Ministry of Education that more details are coming next week. We will continue to update you as more information is available.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,



Shelley Green
Superintendent of Schools

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