

Friday, May 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Optional K-12 In-class Instruction Set to Begin June 1

Today, Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education Rob Fleming and others shared that students will have the choice to return to class on a part-time basis this school year, starting on June 1, 2020. This is part of BC's Education Restart Plan, which is a phased-in approach towards resuming full-time classes this fall, provided it is safe to return.

The Province has indicated that BC is in a really good position and it is safe for our students and staff to be returning to our schools. All 60 school districts and independent schools are planning for a balance of in-class and remote learning to start in the coming weeks.

Following up from our [update last Friday](#) where we communicated our plan for the expansion of in-class and remote learning, we wish to provide you with further confirmation of our next steps.

We are preparing to enter into [Stage 3 of the K-12 Restart Plan](#) which includes the following:

- In-class instruction for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 on a part-time rotating basis (two to three days per week);
- In-class learning as required for grades 6 -12 on a part-time basis (one day per week);
- Continued support for remote and online learning opportunities through K-12.

Your school will be communicating with you directly about scheduling and if you wish for your child(ren) to return in June. 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.

Please note that 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 protocols 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.

We continue to follow best practices and are working hard to prepare our schools for more students and staff. If you have any questions about in-class instruction, please connect with your school.

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This is something our education sector has never experienced before but we are confident that by working together, we are prepared for the challenges ahead. Again, we would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and patience as we move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Green', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shelley Green
Superintendent of Schools

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