

June 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: A Successful First Week Back

What a wonderful week! In the first week back in our new face-to-face instructional world, we had approximately 50 percent of our students return. The reports from our schools were extremely positive. Our students followed the health and safety guidelines while enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. We heard many times how wonderful it was to have our students back in our buildings.

Up until now our School District has utilized surveys to determine the number of children of Essential Service Workers (ESW) and the number of students who wished to return to class as we moved into Stage 3 of the K-12 BC Education Restart Plan. While the ESW survey closed May 22, today we will be closing the survey for returning to school. Parents and guardians are asked to please contact their school principal if they would like their child(ren) to return for in-class instruction or school care.

Next Friday we be will launching an online engagement where students and parents and guardians can provide input on how the COVID-19 experience has been for their families and how it has affected their learning experience. The online engagement will be available through our District website: www.sd61.bc.ca As well, it will be made available through school messenger and our social media channels.

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Your feedback is very important to us and will help us navigate our pandemic process when we return in the fall.

Sincerely,



Shelley Green
Superintendent of Schools

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.