



School District No. 60

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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Dear Parents,

By now, you will have heard or read about the BC Restart Plan, which includes a "Stage 3" part-time return to in-class instruction beginning the week of June 1st. The provincial plan and further information on COVID-19 can always be found on our website at www.prn.bc.ca.

This week and next, the District and schools will be working on all the safety, education, and logistics plans for Stage 3. Attached is the comprehensive document, "Covid-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings", which serves as the basis for our safety plans. Included is some critical information on the low transmission rates involving children, which, along with all the safety measures that are in place, make schools one of the safest places to be, outside of your home. These measures include the requirement for any students or staff to stay home if they are sick.

In the coming days, your school will connect with you to find out whether or not you plan on sending your child to school on a part-time schedule beginning the week of June 1st. It is your choice to send your child or not. Remote learning will continue but the volume and contact frequency will be reduced. They will also ask any families that normally take the bus, if they will need to use this service. A recommended option is to transport them yourselves, if possible.

Specific attendance plans will vary according to grade levels and you will receive further information from your school as to how this will be organized. In general terms, elementary students would attend in-person for two days of the week while middle and secondary would attend in-person up to one day per week. The learning models will ensure that groupings do not exceed the Ministry density targets. In all cases, we ask that the parents do not enter the school site. Meetings over the phone may be arranged in advance by contacting the school.

Services to the school-aged children of Essential Services Workers as well as to vulnerable students will continue on a needs-basis.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation in ensuring we can effectively and safely do our part to support learning, the economy and the containment of the pandemic.

Regards,

Stephen Petrucci
Superintendent of Schools

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