

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (SOOKE)

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Dear Families,

I hope this note finds you happy and healthy as we end another week that saw changes in both our learning community and the way we deliver education; as well as changes in the broader community and indeed the world around us.

I want to start by addressing the current climate around race and inequality that continues to find its way into our society. We have lots to be proud of with regard to our awareness and understanding of diversity and inclusion but still much to learn and do. As a District we encourage our staff and students to look to what unites us not what divides us and to join BC's Lt. Governor and the Board of Education for School District No. 62 (Sooke) (by way of formal motion) in taking the #DifferentTogether pledge.

To update you on the first week of June I will first say that it was a pleasure to have those children who returned, back in our schools. I know that staff and students who were reunited in person were very happy.

Overall, we welcomed back 23% of our overall Elementary population, 15% of students at the Middle School level and 5% of our Secondary students signed up and attended schools to receive in person support. This is well below density targets set out by the Provincial Health Officer.

With just three weeks until the end of the school year we have a few reminders for you.

In-Class Instruction – If you would like your student to return to school please ensure that you contact your school to register them. We would be happy to have them back but please don't send them without letting us know.

Transportation – We are provided limited school bus service for those attending our schools. If you require this service please register for it by emailing bussing@sd62.bc.ca. To register for the service for the 2020/2021 school year click HERE.

Report Cards – Elementary students attending class will receive their reports the final week of school with all others being mailed home. Middle, Secondary and students with IEPs can access reports in the Parent Portal in MyEd (see Instructions attached). Students with IEPs will receive communication from their school to direct them to the portal to find feedback and assessment on IEP goals.

Online Resources – While we continue to navigate COVID-19, race relations and the general world around us, some of you may be feeling the need for support. We have many resources to assist as well as connections to community resources on our website www.sd62.bc.ca.

Let's continue to follow the advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry to stay safe and be kind. We are all in this together and never has that mattered more.

Have a great weekend,

Scott Stinson, Superintendent of Schools