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Dear Families;

I would like to start by thanking you all once again for being great partners with us as we navigate the best way to educate your children in the ever-changing reality of a pandemic.

We are grateful for your support going forward as we plan to welcome students back to classrooms on a part-time basis.

Part of the Premier's announcement last week, regarding the "BC Restart Plan" included the voluntary, part-time return to in-class instruction for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 on June 1st. To begin planning for this, a survey is being sent from our elementary school principals to parents. It's important that we hear from you so we encourage you to fill it out as soon as you are able.

Today the Premier and Provincial Health Officer went on to reassure parents that their children's health and safety is everyone's top priority. As the number of new COVID-19 infections in the province continues to decline, getting students back in schools is an important step toward normalcy.

While we work out the details, we want you to know:

- In-class learning for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will be on a part-time basis. The details will come after parents fill out the survey and we get an idea of how many children will return.
- For Grades 6 to 12 students will continue with at-home, remote learning unless on-site supports are needed. Classroom teachers will continue to work students and families to determine the best way to provide ongoing support.
- Remote and online learning will continue to be available for students.

We recognize that it may be worrisome for families to make a decision on whether or not to send your children back to school at this time with few details to assist you. We also appreciate that your decision may change once we begin welcoming students back and that's ok too. Keep in mind that this Ministry initiative is voluntary so whatever decision you make for your family will be the right one.

There will be more information available to you in the coming days. I can assure you we are working hard on planning and as always will proceed based on the advice and direction of the Provincial Health Officer and the Ministry of Education.

I thank you again, for your continued patience and understanding. Please enjoy the long weekend.

Best Regards,

Scott Stinson, Superintendent of Schools