

May 25, 2020

Dear Families;

I would like to start by apologizing for the time it has taken getting this information to you. We have been working diligently to implement direction from the Ministry's Education Restart Plan and wanted to be able to provide you with as much information as possible.

I appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation to that end and am pleased to share information around what the return to classrooms will look like. We have recently completed a Return to School Plan (containing the information below and more) as directed by the Ministry and it can be found on our website [at this link](#).

Grades 9 – 12:

- In the BC K-12 Education Re-Start Plan, districts have been instructed to move to stage 3 by June 1. The K-12 plan indicates that students may return to in-class instruction on a part-time voluntary basis and that the total enrolment in a secondary school should not exceed 20% of normal.
- Students will access in-class instruction through a block rotation set up over the course of the week, as follows:
 - Monday: Blk A – time slots: 9:00 to 10:30 and 1:00 to 2:30
 - Tuesday: Blk B – time slots: 9:00 to 10:30 and 1:00 to 2:30
 - Wednesday: Blk C – time slots: 9:00 to 10:30 and 1:00 to 2:30
 - Thursday: Blk D – time slots: 9:00 to 10:30 and 1:00 to 2:30
- Each day will have one section from 9:00 to 10:30 and 1:00 to 2:30 (as described above) in order to limit the total student density to 20% of the school population and to allow sufficient time for cleaning of spaces between student cohorts.
- Each school will communicate a process for students to sign-up for in-class instruction to a maximum of one day per week. In some cases, staff may be requesting certain students attend in order to assist with their successful completion of courses.
- Site-based Joint Occupational Health and Safety Teams have and will continue to meet to determine the best practices for student and staff movement throughout the school to maintain safe physical distancing limits, including which doors to access the building and traffic flow within the school.

It is important to note:

- Parents who are voluntarily returning their children to part-time, in-class instruction must do a daily assessment of their children for any health concerns and, if their child is sick, keep them home.
- In order to meet “density requirements” set out by the Ministry of Education, students may not be returning to their regular classroom teacher.
- For the week of May 25-29: Teachers will focus on supporting at-home learning Monday to Wednesday and then, on Thursday and Friday, their focus will shift to preparing their classrooms for the return of students on June 1.
- At this time, there is no direction from the Ministry of Education that would indicate an extension of the school year into the summer months, therefore, the school year will end as scheduled; June 25 for elementary and middle and June 19 for secondary.

I would like to thank 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 this pandemic.

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

Best Regards,

Scott Stinson
Superintendent of Schools