

July 30, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer holidays with your families. Yesterday, the government announced [plans to safely bring K-12 students back to school](#) full time starting September 8, as the province moves to Stage 2 of [B.C.'s Education Restart Plan](#). Also, the province has updated the [Five Stages Framework for K-12 Education](#).

Strict [health and safety guidelines](#) co-developed between public health officials, a stakeholder-led steering committee and ministry staff have been updated and will be implemented in our schools in September. In addition, funding has also been provided to school districts for enhanced cleaning, hand-washing stations and the availability of masks upon request, among other safety measures.

**Over the coming weeks, Delta School District staff will be using the Ministry guidelines to develop a local plan to support our students, teachers and staff in their return to school. This will include detailed planning and scheduling of [learning groups](#), as outlined by the government yesterday. There is the potential for adjusted schedules for students and timetable changes in order to meet the new guidelines. Please rest assured that our focus will be on meeting the health and safety guidelines for our students and staff, while providing the best education possible.**

We will continue to provide updates and more specific information regarding **learning groups, schedules, enrolment and registration to parents and guardians** as more details become available. As mandated by the province, our District is committed to releasing our September Education Restart Plan by August 26.

We are aware that some families are considering alternative options to sending their children back to school for in-class instruction, such as distance learning, and recognize that they will need some time to review the district's plan once it is published before making a final decision for the 2020/21 school year. As such, we will be reaching out to families after our district plan is published to finalize each school's student registrations and schedule the learning groups in time for a September 8 start.

I encourage you to regularly check the District's main [COVID-19 information resource](#) for updates, and hope you are able to enjoy the remaining weeks of summer now that the good weather seems to have arrived finally.

Sincerely,



Doug Sheppard  
Superintendent of Schools