



May 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: Planning Partial Return to School for Secondary Students

As we informed you last week, our District will be following the province's direction and will have students return to in-school learning on a part-time basis beginning June 1st. This return to in-school learning is voluntary. To help in our planning, we need your help in gathering information. We understand that not all families are the same and that you can choose to do what works best for your family. We support you and your family's decision.

Your child's school has sent you a survey asking a series of questions to determine if you will be sending your child(ren) for in-school learning as of June 1st. If the survey is not completed by the posted deadline, school staff will be calling families to gather details. Please take note of the following background information regarding the partial return to school.

What remains in place no matter what you decide:

- All students will continue with remote learning until the end of the school year.
- Vulnerable learners will continue to be provided in-school supports.

What you should know to help you decide:

- By the end of this week, the school needs to know whether or not your child(ren) will attend in-school learning beginning June 1st so appropriate arrangements can be made.
- If you want your child(ren) to return to in-school learning, they will be able to attend 1 day per week for Grades 9-12.
- Policies and procedures for bus transportation during the COVID-19 crisis may result in restrictions to the level of service provided for students.
- The school will provide families of attending students with a schedule for the day their child(ren) can attend before June 1st.
- Safety protocols and procedures will be provided along with those schedules. Information about bringing school supplies and personal devices will also be sent to parents/guardians before June 1st. (Please read attached Health and Safety FAQs for Parents/Guardians).
- The school cannot take requests from families to have their child(ren) attend on a particular day.
- In-school learning will look different; students may not necessarily be with their classroom teachers (this is dependent on many factors including size of school population, number of students, ability for teachers and staff to ensure health & safety guidelines are met).
- In-school learning may take place outside of your child's regular classroom (e.g. other classrooms, gymnasium, library, outdoors).

- In-school learning will follow the same plan that students are already receiving through remote learning.
- Teachers and staff may be managing both in-school learning and remote learning and may need to prioritize their time allotted to tasks/students as needed.
- If you change your decision and want your child(ren) to attend in-school learning after June 1st, please let your school administrator know. The school may not be able to accommodate in-school learning until after June 7th, if at all.

We appreciate your ongoing support. We understand this is not what we expected the end of the year to look like. We are working together to provide the best education and maintain health and safety guidelines during this unprecedented time. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools