



July 29, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: COVID-19 Information Bulletin – September 2020 Education Restart Plan

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer break and are able to spend time with your families. I know for some of you, the return to school may be top of mind during this challenging and ever-changing time.

As you may have heard in the media, earlier today the province provided an update on the return to in-class instruction for K-12 for the 2020-2021 school year. **The Ministry of Education has announced most students will be returning to in-class instruction beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> as part of the Stage 2 Education Restart Plan.** The province has updated the Five Stages Framework for K-12 Education which you can get familiar with [here](#).

There are new health and safety guidelines which will be implemented in all of our schools. The guidelines can be viewed [here](#).

The province's news release regarding today's announcement can also be found [here](#).

With all of this new information, our District staff will be spending the next few weeks working on implementing the plan at a local level. There is the potential for adjusted schedules for students (Grades K-12) and timetable changes (secondary) in order to meet the new guidelines. A significant focus will be on ensuring we meet health and safety guidelines for our students and staff while providing the best education possible.

We will continue to provide updates as more details become available. As mandated by the province, our District is committed to releasing our September Education Restart Plan by **August 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please continue to check the District's main COVID-19 webpage [here](#) or your school website for updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Stewart".

Gord Stewart  
Superintendent of Schools