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Dear parents/guardians,

In outlining BC's Restart Plan on Wednesday afternoon, Premier Horgan briefly shared some of the Ministry of Education's five stage approach for a slow return to in-class instruction. While we are still awaiting more specifics and direction from the ministry and provincial public health, we have started to engage in the process of building a plan to meet this staged return to in-class instruction.

We are currently in Stage 4 of the five restart stages described by the province for K-12 education: remote learning for most students, with in-class learning opportunities for children of essential service workers and some of our vulnerable students.

Here are the five restart stages as described by the province for K-12 education:

<p>Stage 5 Suspend all in-class instruction for all grades and students. Remote and online learning for all students.</p>
<p>Stage 4 *Current Stage In-class learning for children of essential service workers and vulnerable students. Remote and online learning continues for most students.</p>
<p>Stage 3 In-class learning for students in kindergarten to grade 5 on a part-time basis. Access to in-class learning as needed for grades 6 to 12 on a part-time basis. Remote and online learning continues to be available to students.</p>
<p>Stage 2 In-class learning for all students in grades k to 7 on a full-time basis. In-class learning for grades 8 to 12 on a part-time basis. Remote and online learning continues to be available for secondary students.</p>
<p>Stage 1 A return to full in-class instruction.</p>

Before the end of this school year and if our province continues to 'flatten the curve' we will move into Stage 3: remote learning continuing for many students, with a parental option for a part-time return to in-class instruction for students in kindergarten to grade 5. Students in grades 6 to 12 will continue with remote and online learning opportunities with access to some additional school-based supports if teachers and parents determine it's needed.

We are working thoughtfully to try to determine what this will look like. The safety of students and staff continues to be our top priority and the framework through which we will continue to make all decisions. We're committed to having clear protocols that ensure we are following public health and WorkSafe BC guidelines around safe distancing, cleaning and disinfecting schedules, and more.

As soon as we have more information, your school principal will reach out with details of the plan and a survey so that we can get a clear sense as to whether you would like your child(ren) to be included in the voluntary, part-time return to in-class instruction or if you would like your child(ren) to complete the remainder of the school year through a slightly modified version of the remote learning they are currently doing.

Change, especially during these present circumstances, can cause a lot of concern and uncertainty. We understand that you might have some apprehension in sending your child(ren) back to school. This is

voluntary; no matter which option you choose your child will continue to receive support through this next phase.

More information will be shared as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Take care and stay safe.



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