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Dear parents/guardians,

It has been nice to see our schools come back to life and to have the sights and sounds of students learning once again fill our classrooms and hallways. This school year has been extraordinary to say the least and we continue to be grateful for the resiliency of our students, staff and parents.

Teachers are starting to prepare year-end report cards for each student and parents can expect to receive these at the end of June. Final report cards will reflect the circumstances of the pandemic and consideration will be given to the unique and diverse situations of students and families. As educators, we understand that there may have been many variables that impacted a student's ability to participate in remote learning.

Teachers will use their professional judgement to determine a final grade/assessment for each student based on work completed prior to spring break and the suspension of in-class instruction, as well as the assessment of learning opportunities that students may have participated in during the remainder of the school year. Report cards will consider and reflect instances where a student may have thrived with remote learning but will not penalize students who struggled.

For students who are on Individual Education Plans (IEP) their year-end report card will communicate the student's progress in relation to their expected learning outcomes from their IEP.

While June is usually a time of celebration and closure as we wrap up the school year it is also when we look forward and begin to plan and prepare for September and the upcoming year.

As you know, we are currently in stage 3 of the province's five stage restart plan for K-12 education: optional part-time in-class instruction for students in kindergarten to grade 5, access to part-time in-class learning as needed for grades 6 to 12, continued remote learning, and five-day in-class instruction for children of essential service workers and students with disabilities or diverse needs.

Heading into next year, school districts have been told to think of the stages like a dial and to be prepared should we need to move between stages as directed by the Provincial Health Officer, in response to COVID-19. Here again, are the five restart stages as described by the province for K-12 education:

Stage 5 Suspend all in-class instruction for all grades and students. Remote and online learning for all students.
Stage 4 In-class learning for children of essential service workers and vulnerable students. Remote and online learning continues for most students.
Stage 3 *Current Stage 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.
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.
Stage 1 A return to full in-class instruction.

While we remain hopeful that, as our province continues to follow the necessary health and safety practices to keep cases low, there might be a return to full in-class instruction, it is still too early to know what stage we may be in come September. Over the next few weeks and during the summer we will be working to prepare ourselves that school may not be as usual next year. We are committed to ensuring that regardless of where we are on the dial that student learning needs will be met.

As we start looking ahead to September please note that the last day of school for middle and secondary students will be Friday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 23 at elementary schools. These will be full school days with dismissal at the schools' regular end of day dismissal times.

At the elementary level, students who have been assigned to attend the optional in-class instruction on Monday/Tuesday will have their last day of school on Monday, June 22 and those assigned to attend on Thursday/Friday will have their last day of school on Tuesday, June 23. The last day for identified vulnerable students and essential service worker childcare at elementary schools will also be Tuesday, June 23.

We remain committed to sharing more information about September as quickly and as thoroughly as we can. However, as Education Minister Rob Fleming shared in a press conference recently, we may not be in position to share specific back-to-school details until the last week or two of August as health officials will be closely monitoring the status of COVID-19.

Through the summer months we encourage you to use the district website (www.sd72.bc.ca) and official social media channels as your primary source for updates impacting SD72 students, staff and families. Follow us on social media at Campbell River School District – SD72 on Facebook and @CRSD72 on Twitter.

No matter what next school year brings, the health and safety of our students and staff will continue to be our top priority and we will rely on information and directives from the BC Provincial Health Officer and Ministry of Education.

We have been grateful for your participation, patience and support as we have responded to this provincial health emergency. Wishing you all a safe, healthy, relaxing and, albeit physically distanced, fun summer.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jeremy Morrow
Superintendent of Schools

