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Dear Families,

As we move forward in this unprecedented time, I want to thank you once again for your patience as we worked through Stage 4 and prepare to move into Stage 3 next week.

The Government of BC and the Health Authority have been clear that it is safe for a gradual return of students, and this thoughtful approach will be essential in helping more of our community families, while preparing for (hopefully) a complete return in the Fall.

Government has set the following Stage 3 estimated targets:

- K-7 (2-3 days/week)
- 8-12 (1 day/week)
- ESW and priority learners 5 days/ week

While government allows for some regional differences and unique school solutions, we will pay close attention to all Health Authority guidelines. The District has spent time with partners (HGTA, CUPE and PVP) to develop health and safety protocols for the district and schools to limit risk and protect students and staff as the numbers in the buildings increase.

Schools will have consistent procedures with regards to site access, cleaning and hygiene and physical distancing. Their student schedule and delivery will vary. It is also important for parents to know that attendance is voluntary for their child, the remote learning version will continue to be offered. School administration will need to align their staff in a way that best serves the students.

Your child's school will be in touch with you with specific schedules next week. Please contact the school directly if you have not heard from them regarding Stage 3.

Our work in this stage will be critical in building our capacity for the future and critical in helping our families reengage. We continue to focus on the health, safety and wellness of all of our people—our employees, our students, and our communities.

Again, thank you for your amazing support and patience through this. I know this has been challenging and together we will make a better way forward. We are stronger together.

Sincerely,

Carey Stewart
Superintendent of Schools