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Dear parents / guardians,

First of all, I want to express my sincere thank-you to the parents and guardians of students in our district. This has been an extraordinary school year and one that we wouldn't have been able to get through to this point without your support and understanding. To say this year has been unprecedented would be an understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced all of us to make significant transitions in our lives. The delivery of education was no different. We made several significant transitions this year into new teaching and learning realities. And while it has been an incredible year of challenges and growth, I know that our success has been rooted in the relationships we have and the importance we place on people. I am particularly proud of our staff who have accomplished some amazing things in a relatively short period of time.

September 2020

Like every spring, we continue to plan for next September. What is different this spring is the uncertainty of what the teaching and learning will look like after Labour Day. Today's email will hopefully provide you with a glimpse into what we know so far and what might be possible when we return to classes again in September.

I thought it might be helpful to provide a very quick overview of the province's *5-stage Education Re-start Plan*. Below is a brief outline of where we've been and where we may be heading:

BC's Restart Plan – Educational Stages	Description	Timeline
<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Full in-class instruction (regular school)</i>	<i>Possibly in September 2020</i>
<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Mostly in-class instruction / some remote learning</i>	<i>Possibly in September 2020</i>
Stage 3 (our current stage)	<i>40% in-class instruction (Elementary) 20% in-class instruction (Secondary)</i>	<i>June 2020 Possibly in September 2020</i>
<i>Stage 4</i>	<i>Full remote learning ESW support program / vulnerable student program</i>	<i>April & May 2020 Possibly in September 2020</i>
<i>Stage 5</i>	<i>Full remote learning (no in-class instruction)</i>	<i>March 17th – March 31st Possibly in September 2020</i>

If you would like to review the province's plan in detail, you can find a more complete description of the 5 Stage Education Restart Plan on the [Ministry of Education website](#).

The provincial government will make the decision on the stage for September later this August. And while we do not yet know which stage that will be, we anticipate a general announcement with more specific information in the last half of August.

Keeping You Informed

We will ensure that we keep you and island leadership partner groups informed as more information becomes available to us. Please remember to visit our [district website](#) (COVID-19 Updates) for the most recent information available. You can also expect periodic updates by email.

And finally, I wish all of you a wonderful summer with family and friends. I hope that you find time to rest as well as rejuvenate. I look forward to our continuing journey together next fall.

Respectfully,

Carey Stewart
Superintendent of Schools
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