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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to provide an update on the return to in-class instruction in the Fraser Cascade School District. As you are aware parents/guardians have the option of sending their children to school on June 1, 2020 on a part-time basis. The decision to invite families to have their children return to school is based on scientific evidence and direction from the Public Health Officer.

We want to assure you that we will continue to be diligent in ensuring that all public health expectations are met or exceeded as more students and staff return to our schools. We will be strictly adhering to public health requirements, which have been included in the School District 78 COVID-19 SD 78 Health and Safety Guidelines. A copy of these guidelines has been provided to all staff members and can be found on our district website. As well, protocols for the safe return to in-class instruction have been developed at each school.

A Safe Return to School in the Fraser Health Region:

A letter from Fraser Health was distributed to all parents/guardians and staff members on May 27, 2020. As outlined in the letter, school administrators, staff, students and parents can contribute to the health and safety of the school environment through important measures that include the following:

- Staying Home When Sick
- Performing Diligent Hand Hygiene
- Practicing Respiratory and Personal Hygiene
- Physical Distancing and Minimizing Physical Contact
- Cleaning and Disinfecting

Stage Three Restart Plan:

- Kindergarten to Grade 5 students will attend part time: Monday and Wednesday (cohort one); Tuesday and Thursday (cohort two); Friday (remote/online learning).
- Grade 6 to 12 will attend the equivalent of one day a week.
- Children of essential services workers and students requiring additional support services will have the option of attending school on a full-time basis.
- Parents/guardians who decide not to send their children to school may have them continue learning from home.

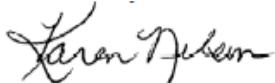
Please visit the following website for updated information for parents and guardians:
<http://sd78.bc.ca/parents-students/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-parents/>

Our principals and vice-principals and staff members have been in contact with parents/guardians to provide additional information regarding the return to in-class instruction schedule. Ongoing communication will continue over the next weeks.

Communication has also been provided regarding the transportation of students on buses. Our transportation department has been working diligently in order to ensure that we are in compliance with all of the necessary public health guidelines on each of our buses. We will continue to provide updated information on our district website: (www.sd78.bc.ca)

In closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to our principals and vice principals, staff members, parents/guardians and community members for continuing to work collaboratively in order to support our students. Even though the students will be returning to school on a part-time basis, this will be temporary and I wish to take this opportunity to welcome our students and staff members back to school.

Yours truly,



Karen Nelson, EdD
Superintendent of Schools

Cc Principals/Vice Principals