



Wednesday, August 26, 2020

RE: September Restart Plan Announcement

Dear families of Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools,

Earlier today, Education Minister Rob Fleming provided an update on the province's September back-to-school plans. All 60 school districts posted their local plans on their website at some point today.

The district submitted its proposed plan last week and received approval yesterday, it is now posted on our [COVID-19 webpage](#). In the document, you will find detailed information on:

- Updated **health and safety** measures: These include cleaning and disinfecting measures, physical distancing strategies, instructions for students while inside and outside of school, personal protective equipment (PPE) information, as well as upgrades to building ventilation systems.
- **Learning groups**: Here you gain an understanding of what students will experience in Kindergarten to Grade 7 and grades 8-12. Elementary schools will be designed to accommodate no more than 60 students in a learning group. Secondary schools will plan for learning groups of no more than 120 with a transition from a semester to a quarterly (or Copernican) system.
- **Students with diverse abilities and/or disabilities**
- **Communications and engagement**
- **School bus transportation**

We invite you to thoroughly read our [Restart Plan](#) and discuss it with your child. In addition to the district webpage, the province created a [Return to School website](#) with further detailed information.

We will continually send updates as more information becomes available. Please contact your school principal after August 31 if you have any questions regarding the return to school options.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

Scott Saywell
Superintendent/CEO