



RE: Kindergarten to Grade 12 students to have optional in-class instruction

At a news conference held earlier today, the provincial government [announced](#) plans to open schools for in-class instruction. Premier John Horgan and Education Minister Rob Fleming indicated that this decision is part of B.C.'s [Restart Plan](#), with the goal of returning to full-time classes for this September, if it is safe to do so. Beginning June 1, parents will have the choice to send their children to school on a part time basis.

The return of students comes after the province introduced new health guidelines that all school districts must follow before they open schools to all students. The beginning of June marks the beginning of the Ministry of Education's third stage of a [five-stage approach](#) for K-12 education during the pandemic.

The Ministry of Education supports districts to develop plans that provide:

- In-class learning for children of essential service workers, students with disabilities and students who require additional support.
- Kindergarten to Grade 5 students will be part-time with 50% of students at a time in schools.
- Grades 6-12 students will be in school one day per week, with 20% of students at a time in schools.
- Remote and online learning continues to be available for students, although it may look different.
- Parents and guardians have the choice to return to in-class instruction.

During the next stage of the K-12 restart plan, transportation for students in need will also be available. Once again, strict health and safety standards must be in place before we offer transportation for our students.

Next week you will be contacted by someone from your child's school in order to discuss a return to school plan for your child.

Additionally, the district asks that you take a moment to fill out this [brief survey](#) on or before May 19, 2020. The survey results will provide the district with valuable information, including how many students may potentially return, that will assist us in planning a safe return for students and district staff.

I ask for your patience as we work through the new health guidelines to finalize school protocols and student schedules. Should you have any specific questions about your child, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

Scott Saywell
Superintendent/CEO