



Thursday, December 30, 2021

**RE: Return to School Update**

Dear NLPS families,

Yesterday, we shared an [announcement](#) from Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Dr. Bonnie Henry and Education Minister Jennifer Whiteside that will see the majority of students returning to school on Monday, January 10, 2022.

You most likely have questions and we intend to provide regular updates as more information becomes available. Senior staff along with the Department of Learning Services will be meeting with school administration to plan and implement a safe return to school for all students.

As we await further direction from the BCCDC and Ministry of Education, here is the information that we can share today:

- Regular instruction for all students will commence Monday, January 10, 2022.
- All district staff will be returning to work on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.
- Although most students are expected to remain home next week, support and supervision will be available for the children of essential service workers, vulnerable students and students with unique needs.
- School buses will operate as normal starting on January 4 and continuing through the week if there is need. \*If we experience [inclement weather](#), affected families will be informed that certain routes will operate on the winter schedule.
- School-based daycare and before and after school services to resume January 4th. Please connect with your provider for specific details regarding operations.
- StrongStart programs will be cancelled for the week of January 4.

Given the increase in COVID-19 cases in the province due to the Omicron variant, the PHO, BCCDC and Ministry of Education is reminding families to perform [daily health checks](#), to wear a [proper fitting](#) face mask, clean hands regularly, get the COVID-19 vaccine if eligible, stay at home when sick and follow public health recommendations.

Thanks for your patience, support and understanding. We will continue to provide further details as they become available.

Sincerely,

Scott Saywell  
Superintendent/CEO