



Wednesday, July 29, 2020

RE: Return to school plan

Dear families and staff of Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools,

We hope you have been able to take the time to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Education Minister Rob Fleming announced a plan that enables Kindergarten to grade 12 students to return to school in September, with full-time in-class learning, as the Province moves to Stage 2 of B.C.'s Education [Restart Plan](#).

Stage 2 is the second to last stage in the five-stage return to school plan where schools see larger numbers of students back in school.

In this stage, students can expect to have the usual school programming and delivery options available to them prior to the pandemic. Minister Fleming also indicated that students will be assigned to [learning groups](#). These smaller cohorts (60 for elementary and middle years and 120 for secondary) will reduce the number of in-person, close interactions a student or staff member has in their school without requiring physical distancing or limiting their educational options.

District staff will begin working immediately to implement the new health and safety guidelines set by the Provincial Health Office. Once our September plan is approved by the Ministry, we will share that with you in late August.

To support this plan, the Province is providing an additional \$45.6 million to school districts for enhanced cleaning, hand-washing stations, re-usable masks and other measures to support safe learning.

For more information:

- News release: [Plan to safely bring K-12 students back to class full time](#)
- New website: [COVID-19 - Return to school!](#)

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

Scott Saywell
Superintendent/CEO