



Letter from the Superintendent's Office  
Friday, May 8, 2020

**RE: Gradual return to school**

Dear NLPS families,

Premier John Horgan recently announced a [four-phase plan](#) toward a 'new normal' for British Columbians starting in mid-May. In his address, he shared direction for school districts, which includes a gradual return to school in order to meet the needs of students and their families.

Premier Horgan shared that we are currently in phase one of the plan. School districts will continue to support the children of essential service workers and deliver K-12 instruction online. Phase two is anticipated to begin mid-May with the expansion of K-12 instruction at school for our most vulnerable students.

Phase three of the plan continues to be discussed with key stakeholders at the provincial level and may occur sometime before the end of the school year. This phase may include Kindergarten to Grade 5 students attending schools part-time and receiving in-person instruction while Grades 6 to 12 may attend schools as needed to access support from educators. We will keep you updated as we receive new information from the Ministry of Education.

Next week, Learning and Care Centres will exist in 18 schools across the district, an increase from five, and will continue to support the children of our essential services workers.

The safety of our students, staff, families and community remains at the forefront of this transition. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate towards a "new normal" for THE NLPS community.

Sincerely,

Scott Saywell  
Superintendent/CEO