

A Letter from the Board of Education and Superintendent Offices

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

RE: Transition Learning Program

Dear NLPS families,

Thank you for participating in the Return to School survey! We received over 12,000 responses. Principals received their respective schools' responses and have or will soon contact families who requested to speak with a school representative.

The majority of families (eighty-three percent) intend to send their child back to school for in-class learning on September 10. Seven percent of families have chosen Island ConnectED K-12, one percent homeschooling while nine percent were unsure about their choice and/or has an anxious child at home.

We have taken these results under consideration and have created a *Transition Learning Program* for Kindergarten to Grade 9 families that need more time for their child to return to in-class instruction. The program will be somewhat similar to the remote learning experienced in April and May, as it will focus on literacy, numeracy and core competencies, with some differences as we are now in Stage 2 of the province's <u>Restart Plan</u>.

This new development now requires that K-9 families who expressed uncertainty by choosing survey option #4, take the time to determine the best learning option for their child. Please take a moment to look over transition program information posted on the district website.

K-9 families that did not respond to the survey or those that chose option #4 in the survey have or will receive a call from their school to discuss next steps.

Once again, thank you for participating in the survey. Your feedback was integral in creating this new option for families.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay Board Chair

Superintendent/CEO

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