



*Photo courtesy Lynnmour Elementary*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back...and thank you. On behalf of the North Vancouver School District, I would like to express a deep gratitude to all of you who have trusted us and supported us as we worked to ensure our students and staff--new and returning--experienced a back-to-school that was different, and yet brought with it all the excitement and anticipation that makes so many of us look forward to this time of year. I echo Lynnmour Elementary Principal Cindy Hudson's sentiments: "We are so grateful for the community support, as the kind words and encouragement from our families have made all the difference."

As we head into our full second week of classes, I would like to share that 95% of our elementary students have returned to in-person, in-class instruction. For families who chose for their children a gradual return to in-class instruction, please be assured your



child will remain a valued member of their in-school class and wider school community, and that we all look forward to welcoming them back to the classroom soon.

On the secondary school front, I had the pleasure of visiting with staff and students of Carson Graham Secondary earlier this week. I was there when students arrived for their morning class, in masks, using designated entrances, and heading straight to their classroom. I was humbled when speaking to a variety of our administrators and educators and listening to them describe the collaborative approach they are taking, excited and determined to teach and connect with students in new and innovative ways. I look forward to sharing stories from across the district with you in the months ahead.



*Pictured above (L to R): Michelle Davis, Teacher Librarian; Superintendent Mark Pearmain; Principal Suzette Dohm; Shawna Matheson, Teacher (Carson Graham visit)*

While we work to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment for our students and staff, I would like to ask that as parents and guardians, and role models for our children, please:

- Continue to reinforce our messaging around proper hand, respiratory and personal hygiene.
- Practice physical distancing when you are on and around our school grounds.
- Assess your child's health daily and keep them home if they are ill.

With respect to my last point, and as alluded to by Dr. Mark Lysyshyn in our September 9th [town hall](#), the [BCCDC](#) (refer to page 23) has updated the daily health check to bring additional clarity to whether your child should attend school for the day. The North Vancouver School District has updated our [daily health check](#) accordingly. Furthermore, through the Ministry of Education, daily health checks are now available in multiple languages (available on our website, [HERE](#)). As a reminder, the daily health check serves



as your personal review of the signs and symptoms of illness; it is not necessary to submit the checklist to your child's school.

Before concluding, I would like to invite you to our first public Board of Education meeting for the 2020/21 school year, taking place on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be live-streamed and recorded. For information on how you can provide input, and to review the agenda and board package, please click [HERE](#).

On behalf of the North Vancouver School District, I look forward to keeping in touch, sharing both important updates and stories of our students and staff, who everyday remind us of why keeping our schools safe and healthy must remain our top priority.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Pearmain".

Mark Pearmain  
Superintendent of Schools

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