

August 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In my [last update](#) to you on July 29th, I promised to be in touch over the summer to provide you with additional details on Stage 2 of the [Education Restart Plan](#), as they became available. Today, I would like to share with you an update from the Ministry of Education concerning the first week of school--orientation week. The Ministry's news release is available [HERE](#); below are key highlights to the gradual return to school:

- On Tuesday, September 8th, all staff will meet with their school's joint health and safety committee to receive instructions about how the updated guidelines, co-developed with the BC Centre for Disease Control and provincial health officer, will work in their school. This will allow time for educators and staff to adjust to their new routines, finalize plans for learning groups, review health and safety protocols, and confirm lessons plans that align with the new normal in schools.
- By Thursday, September 10th, students will be welcomed back to their schools for orientation and will use this time to get familiar with classrooms that will look different than they did before the pandemic.

I can appreciate you may have questions, and I remain committed to providing you with information as it becomes available so you too can prepare for school to resume in the fall. At the North Vancouver School District, we continue to work together with our stakeholder groups to plan for the safe return to school for our students and staff. As previously shared, we will be submitting our plans to the Ministry of Education for review and approval by August 21st. I will be sharing our plans with you no later than August 26th.

I look forward to providing you with additional details later this month, and welcoming students and staff back to the classroom in September.

With appreciation,

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

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools

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