



Seycove Secondary Community School

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Dear Seycove Families,

I am writing to follow up on my letter of May 22nd, where I provided initial information about the North Vancouver School District plan to restart in-class instruction. As of next Monday, June 1st, we will be offering students the option to return to in-person instruction on a part-time basis, continuing through to the end of the school year.

As we reopen schools to a limited number of students, safety is at the forefront of our planning. To minimize the risk of Covid-19 contamination, the total number of students from grades 8 through 12 who will have access to in-school assistance will be kept to an overall 20% of the school population on any given day. On or before Friday May 29th, school staff will begin contacting students to establish in-person tutorial and small group instructional opportunities based on student need.

The intent of these tutorials is to support the remote learning process and target learning needs. The students receiving a communication(s) from their school this week for the opportunity to come into the school will fall into these general criteria:

- students who received recent interim reports that indicated extra help was required
- students with complex medical and/or developmental needs
- students with social, emotional and mental health related needs
- students who are at risk of not passing a course / graduating

It is important to note as we implement this process that the majority of our students will not receive a communication from the school later this week. However, this does not preclude any student from requesting and receiving some direct in-person instruction, as long as it is possible within the 20% population density limitations.

Students will be chosen for tutorial assistance through:

- Teacher recommendation
- Learning services recommendation
- Parent request through teacher, school admin, or grade counsellor
- Student Request through staff member or counsellor

All students coming in to the building must have pre-established and confirmed appointment through the teacher they will be meeting. We are not able to safely accommodate “drop-in” appointments from students or parents at this time. Students will arrive at the school at their appointed time, sign in following established entry protocols, and proceed to the appropriate classroom. After working with their teachers, they will sign out and leave the building.

During the month of June, all students in all grades will continue to receive their academic program through the *Learning at Home* program, the existing remote/online instructional model. As noted in my last letter, any

student participation in in-class instruction at this point is voluntary; as such, a lack of attendance will not result in decreasing their mark that they received on their interim report.

It is also important to acknowledge that the safety of students and staff is a collective responsibility we all share. The school has established a site operation plan that is consistent with provincial protocol, maximizes student safety, and maintains a safe working environment for our staff. Critical to the success of this plan will be your participation in assessing your child for symptoms of cold, flu or COVID-19 before they come to school. The BC Ministry of Health has provided a free online screening tool through this [link](#).

I've included some additional information to give you a sense of what school will look like during Phase 3:

- Students who are ill are asked to stay home, and parents are respectfully asked to follow-up appropriately.
- School staff and students are not required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), but they are welcome to do so as it is a personal choice.
- The school cafeteria, computer labs, and large common areas will be closed.
- Classrooms will have designated seating areas that have been pre-established by the teacher to ensure physical distancing.
- Classrooms have been decluttered to facilitate intensive cleaning.
- Teachers will maintain a detailed record of student attendance to contribute to a site attendance log.

Additionally, in the interest of our collective safety, students will need to:

- follow COVID-19 safety related signage posted throughout the school
- undertake frequent handwashing
- maintain a safe physical distance of no less than 2 meters, where possible
- avoiding common greetings, such as handshakes and hugs
- minimize congestion (e.g. school entrances, hallways, stairwells)
- stay to the right when traveling in common areas
- refrain from sharing food and "packing out" their waste

These measures are consistent with the expectations throughout the province at this time. While we are confident students are committed to these safety measures, we would still appreciate your support reinforcing these message and practices at home. In doing so, we will all keep each other safe.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school through the website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob McLeod', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob McLeod
Principal