



June 8th, 2020

Good evening Seycove Students and Families,

My apologies for not getting this out at the usual time last Friday afternoon, it has been a very busy time, and last week was certainly no exception.

It has been wonderful to see so many students and staff back in the school again. After so much time working in a virtually empty building, it was truly thrilling to feel the life come back into Seycove. Obviously, many challenges remain, and it is a far cry from getting back to “normal,” but it is extremely heartening to know that the systems that have been put in place are working thanks to the incredible efforts of so many.

There have been many highlights; we have had an opportunity to celebrate our grad’s at their virtual grad ceremony, we hosted (virtually) the annual “Exit Interviews” as part of the capstone project, and we have seen the number of students coming into the building for support increasing every day. Re-establishing face to face connections has been so incredibly important to all of us.

As hard as it is to believe, there are only 2 full weeks of in-school instruction remaining. The schedule that was established for June 1st will conclude on Friday, June 19th. Specific details of exactly what the final week of June 22-25 will look like will be provided in greater detail in the coming days, but the week will include time for review and completion, yearbook distribution, resource recovery, locker clean-out, report cards etc.

Time will fly by, and I thought it was important to highlight a number of important items to consider over the next two weeks:

1. **Homework** ... Encourage your children to have their work done and handed in by the assigned due date (at the very latest by Friday, June 19th) so it can be marked by the teachers in time for report cards. The earlier that work is completed and handed in the better, as the turnaround for teachers to complete report cards is very short.
2. **Textbook and Library book return** ... students now have the opportunity to drop off books daily at the front entrance in the bins provided. There is no need for an appointment as you will not need to enter the building. It is critical that all school resources be returned in time for inventory to take place and to avoid lost textbook or library book charges.
3. **Fee collection** ... any outstanding school fees need to be paid prior to June 19th. If you are not sure of your status, please contact Maureen Dawe at mdawe@sd44.ca and she will be able to provide you with the necessary information.

4. **Concerns about marks or course standing** ... If you, or your child, are concerned with their current standing in a course, please contact their teacher directly. As mentioned above, the deadline for handing all assignments is fast approaching, and it is recommended that completed work be handed in as soon as possible.
5. **"I"s or incomplete marks** ... if your child received an "incomplete" or "in progress" mark as an interim, it is critical that they make every effort now if they are going to successfully resolve the "I". Again, please contact the teacher directly.

In closing, I'd like to offer a few final comments.

It has been our collective success at "flattening the curve" that has allowed the Province to start to relax some of the many restrictions we have been facing, including opening the doors to the school again. I do think it is important, however, to reiterate that while these are steps to be celebrated, we are still far from being out "of the woods." Covid-19 is still very real, and remains a significant threat to all of our safety. Moving forward has only been made possible through the hard work and sacrifice of everyone living through quarantine and self-isolation. We cannot afford to become complacent or relax our efforts toward keeping everyone safe.

Our Seycove community is completely reliant on everyone's cooperation and diligence in following the guidelines. It is each family's responsibility to ensure a daily health check is completed before students are sent to school, and to ensure that those who are unwell are kept at home. Please refer to the [Mandatory Daily Health Assessment for Students](#) that is posted [HERE](#) on the front page of the school website. Students who arrive ill or become ill at school will be sent home.

While we have been very successful with the implementation of the physical distancing measures at school, we rely on our Seycove families to continue to maintain 2m between themselves and others from outside their own households and to "stay within our own bubbles" (*please see: [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Setting](#)*).

Once again, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the entire Seycove community for your continued support and patience.

Please be safe,

Sincerely

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

Rob McLeod
Principal