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Dear Ross Road Families,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you and your child(ren) have been enjoying a happy and healthy summer! Staff at Ross Road are excited to be welcoming back our students on **September 10th**. The announcement in late July by the Ministry of Education regarding the full return to in-class instruction no doubt came with a rush of emotions; excitement, anxiety, fear, happiness and all things in between. Please know that the North Vancouver School District, and in particular, the staff at Ross Road recognize that everyone is returning with a different set of experiences and emotions. We would like to reassure you that all Public Health Office, Ministry of Education and School District guidelines for students' safe return to school will be in place. The safety and well-being of all members of our Ross Road learning community is our top priority. Our goal is to support you and your children in the most safe and meaningful way.

Over the coming weeks, you can anticipate receiving a number of communications from the district, school and your child's classroom teacher. The intent of these communications are meant to provide you with clear and updated information: thank you for your patience and your commitment to taking the time to read all information provided.

On Wednesday August 26th, you received a letter from the Superintendent that included the Restart Plan for North Vancouver. All NVSD school principals and vice principals have been meeting with district leadership this week to review the protocols and key aspects of safe return and to work further on refining details of the Restart Plan so that final preparations for September return to school can be made.

An important survey [link \(https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RtUantX4ek-GDic4Z6NToFYRCnmSfXNGnjFKGVKe3qtUMDhJTkgYVExYMU9TUDc2Rlg3WFYwMzc3Mi4u\)](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RtUantX4ek-GDic4Z6NToFYRCnmSfXNGnjFKGVKe3qtUMDhJTkgYVExYMU9TUDc2Rlg3WFYwMzc3Mi4u) was sent home as part of the Superintendent's letter on Wednesday. The survey deadline is August 29th and the information is required to plan and organize for instructional delivery in September.

What you can expect over the next few weeks:

Week of August 31-September 4

Communication home directly from Ross Road – School specific information that may include: any potential changes to the school schedule (start-end times, recess, lunch times), first-day attendance procedures, class-assignment information, school health and safety protocols

Week of September 8-11

September 8 & 9 Ross Road staff will be preparing for the safe and healthy return of students to school
September 10 First day of school for Grade 1-7 students 8:40am-10:40am
Further communication regarding school specific information

Thank you for being patient as we finalize Restart Plan details and for being open to these new routines and protocols. In the interim, here is the [link](#) to the NVSD Restart Plan and materials webpage that includes resources that you may find helpful as we navigate through this transition together ([https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx#/=)). Further, attached you will find a simple Back to School Factsheet created by the Ministry of Education. All the information contained in this email is current as of today's date; as more information becomes available, we will share with it with you.

We want to acknowledge that we are in a shifting landscape and changes may continue to occur. At Ross Road, we continue to prioritize the social emotional well-being of all members of our learning community. The staff at Ross Road will be focusing on ensuring that all students feel a sense of belonging and safety in this new normal, and are all so looking forward to having a wonderful school year with your children.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns at this time.

With gratitude and kindness,

Kate Lechleiter, Principal
Jason Haywood, Vice Principal