



**From the Desk**  
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 Superintendent, Southeast Kootenay School District

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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Yesterday, the Premier of BC announced a plan to resume some in-class learning for students starting June 1st. The return will be guided by strict health and safety protocols established by the Provincial Health Officer. During the announcement, the Minister of Education emphasized that this return for students is voluntary and each family’s decision about sending children back will be respected.

District staff, principals, partner groups, trustees and school staff will be working on a plan using the Ministry documents for Phase 3 in preparation for June 1st.

## Returning to school

<b>REMOTE LEARNING</b> NOW	<b>K-12:</b> Learning from home 100%	Full-time in-class learning only for children of essential workers and students who need support
<b>GRADUAL RETURN</b> JUNE 1	<b>K - 5:</b> In-class 50%, such as alternating days <b>6 - 12:</b> In-class 20%, such as 1 day per week	Return to school is voluntary. Children may continue full-time remote learning until September
<b>FULL RETURN</b> SEPT 8	<b>K-12:</b> Learning in-class 100%	Provided it is safe to do so, and COVID-19 health and safety measures are in place

**BC'S RESTART PLAN**



Please be assured that the health and safety of our students and staff is our first priority. The plan will include the following details:

- What schools and classrooms will look like.
- How we will keep students safe if you decide to send them to school.
- How we will continue to support your child if you decide to keep them at home.
- How school busses will operate safely.

You will be receiving a survey from your school principal early next week so we can get a sense of how many students may come back on a part time basis.

We know that implementing the safety protocols that are provided by the Provincial Health Officer and the Ministry of Education, schools and learning will look different. The health and safety procedures will change many of the 'normal' or familiar structures and routines of school. We will also continue to support our Essential Services Workers and any other students who have been coming in throughout the month of June.

We have wonderful, committed staff who have always had your children's best interest at the forefront of their decision-making and they will continue to do that throughout these challenging times.

Principals will be in contact with you soon.

Take care,

Silke Yardley

