

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

"Home of the Sharks"

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Dear Parents, Guardians of Skaha Lake Middle School Students:

I hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying the last few weeks of summer. The intention of this letter is to provide an update regarding our school start up plan at SLMS. First off, I would like to acknowledge the level of patience our school community continues to demonstrate as parents seek answers to the myriad of questions there are surrounding what start-up will look like this year. I would also like to personally thank School District 67 staff for their dedication in working towards setting up a safe and caring school environment that can function within the requirements set forth by the Ministry of Education and Center for Disease Control and Prevention. A lot of time and energy continues to be invested to ensure schools are ready for the start of the year.

Throughout this process, since the Ministry of Education's first announcement in early August regarding school restart, we continue to receive updates and direction from the Ministry. Our **plans are still being finalized and will be communicated to parents next week.**

Having said that, I would like to communicate to families, some confirmed measures that are being put in place at SLMS to ensure we are meeting the guidelines set forth by the Ministry of Education. I would also invite parents to review the district restart plan that is on the school district website which was emailed out to parents from the board office earlier this week.

- Students will be a part of a cohort of no more than 60 students/staff
- Cohorts will remain in place during nutrition break and lunch
- Our school playground will be marked off into 5 areas, each area will be limited to one cohort (cohorts will be rotated through each area)
- Students will remain in their advisory classroom and teachers will rotate to them
- Lockers will not be used during this time
- Classroom teachers will be teaching their own exploratory classes to their advisory class
- Tech Ed, Home Ec and Band will not be happening this year
- Cohorts will be assigned to a specific school entrance
- We will send home a parent package next week that will include detailed safety procedures for students and parents, bussing protocols, drop off and pick up etc.
- We will send out a detailed schedule for the first week back. We are finalizing a plan that includes an opportunity for grade 6 students to attend the school for an orientation process as they did not receive an orientation in the spring.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school with any questions or concerns.

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