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Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Re: September 2020 Education Restart Plan

On July 29, the Ministry of Education, in partnership with the Provincial Health Officer, provided an update on the return to in-class instruction for K-12 for the 2020-2021 school year. Beginning September 9, as part of the Stage 2 Education Restart Plan, schools will re-open for students to return to in-class instruction. The province has provided details on the restart framework, which can be found [here](#).

Since the announcement, School District No. 67 staff have been working on reviewing the updated enhanced safety protocols and Stage 2 details. These plans have been created by the Ministry of Education in partnership with the Provincial Health Officer and continue to lead with student and staff safety as the priority. Our District team is currently engaged in working on implementing the plan for each of our schools, and we will have updates available for parents on our District website as new information becomes available. Please be aware that there is the potential for adjusted schedules for students in order to meet the new guidelines as our schools plan to have students working in learning groups. We will communicate this information to parents and students as soon as we are able to more formally build our plans. As mandated by the province, our District is committed to release our September Education Restart Plan by August 26.

We understand that there are a lot of questions regarding what schools will look like in September under these new guidelines. Please know that the District will continue to build our plans with a focus on the safety of all students, staff and families as its primary focus. Through the leadership and guidance of the Provincial Health Authority and Dr. Bonnie Henry, we will create plans that support a safe return to in-class instruction. We will continue to focus on creating plans that are safe, sustainable, and focus on learning and relationships as we follow the guidelines created by the Provincial Health Officer, Center for Disease Control, and Ministry of Education.

We appreciate your patience as we work through the next steps of our planning process and encourage you to return to our School District No. 67 District website for updates through August.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Manuel", written over a horizontal line.

Todd Manuel
Superintendent of Schools