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Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are having a safe and restful summer. We look forward to the safe fulltime return of all students in the fall. Below is Government's restart plan for schools in September. Locally we will be working on a more detailed plan which we will share with you in in the coming weeks.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J Yule". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Jay Yule
Superintendent
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Students to Return to Classrooms in September

Most students in grades K-12 will return to school on September 8th, with full-time in-class learning in [Stage 2 of B.C.'s Education Restart Plan](#).

All boards of education and independent school authorities will continue to be required to implement a suite of rigorous health and safety measures. The Ministry of Education is also providing an additional \$45.6 million investment to support the implementation of enhanced safety measures in schools, such as increased cleaning of high-contact surfaces, increased number of hand-hygiene stations and availability of masks upon request,

among other safety measures.

"We know how important it is for children to be back in school – to both support their emotional and mental health and their ability to socialize and to learn," said Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer. "...We've put a lot of thoughtful work and consideration into re-opening schools this fall and in making sure we're supporting children in ways that keep them, the people who teach them and our communities safe."

On the advice of the provincial health officer, students will be organized into cohorts or learning groups, which is a consistent group of staff and students. This will decrease the number of people each student or staff member comes into contact with to reduce the risk of transmission.

The safety of students and staff is paramount, and government will continue to make science-based decisions, following the expert advice of Dr. Henry and her public health team as the pandemic continues.

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