



# PROPOSED PLAN FOR STUDENTS WITH DIVERSE ABILITIES/ DISABILITIES

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ensure a healthy & safe environment for all students, families, and employees.

Provide the services needed to support children of our essential workers.

Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.

Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.

All School District 47 schools will follow the directions and recommendations of the Provincial Health Office and Ministry of Education and the **Five Stage K-12 Education Plan**.

- Continue to have full-time access to in-class instruction and the supports and services they are eligible to receive and that are aligned with IEP goals (speech therapy, physiotherapy, counsellor support, etc.)
- Have the opportunity to engage in ongoing and continued collaboration between schools and families to determine optimal program delivery for children. Families will be made aware of the varying learning options available for students who cannot return because of health concerns.
- Be placed with an appropriate learning group/cohort to meet learning needs and foster peer and social connections.
- Be informed of mental health and well-being resources that are available through the school district and the community to support families and children (**SD 47 Powell River COVID 19 Mental Health Resources**)
- Have frequent reminders, using a variety of formats (visuals, social stories etc.), regarding practicing appropriate respiratory etiquette, handwashing, and maintaining physical distance.
- Have school teams work collaboratively with Nursing Support Services to ensure the health and safety of students with complex needs.
- Based on individual and family needs, may be offered blended models of learning and a continuum of services to support student success.
- Students with diverse abilities/disabilities may need different and individualized orientation plans to return to school, and these plans will be prioritized.
- Have access to the necessary health and safety supports based on their individual needs. As part of our planning with families, health and safety will be a corner stone of that plan.