



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 47 (POWELL RIVER)
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Dear Families of School District 47,

I wanted to further update you on the restart of school next week. By this time you should have been contacted by your school to confirm which options for learning you have chosen for your child. Approximately 90% of our families have indicated their children will be returning to full time in-class instruction. We have worked with other families to find options that work for them.

Safety remains our first priority and to that end we have continued to revise our [health and safety guidelines](#) with support from Public Health and [BC Centre for Disease Control](#). We recognize that the start of this school year may cause mixed feelings for families. Some may be looking forward to school routines and the sense of normalcy this can bring and others may feel anxious and concerned about the unknown. Both reactions are valid and normal. Please know that we have a number of people and resources in place to help our students and families through this transition. Please do not hesitate to contact your Principal if your family or child needs support.

We welcome children back to their school next Thursday, September 10th. We intend to spend the first two days with student orientation where we will help all students understand the new routines and safety protocols, find out who is in their learning group, practice new routines, and familiarize themselves with how to safely move around all areas of the school. I have attached an [infographic](#) we will be using with students to explain the extensive safety measures in our restart plan. Feel free to review it with your child and reach out if you would like more information or clarification.

Please do not hesitate to contact the School Board office or your Principal to answer any questions or if you have further feedback that will help ensure the health and safety of our students and their families.

Have an enjoyable long weekend. Stay safe and healthy.

Yours truly,

Dr. Jay Yule
Superintendent
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