

Good afternoon. Today a number of announcements were made with regards to the reopening of schools in September 2020. Below is a summary of what was shared. There will be more details to follow as they become available, as well as any changes which could occur throughout the summer.

- all students, all grades, will return to in-class learning September 8, 2020
- K-8 will return full time five days a week
- 9-12 could be full time five days a week as well if physical distancing can be achieved, but if not a rotational remote learning schedule may be required
- continued emphasis on hand washing, more frequent sanitizing of schools and buses
- physical distancing efforts will be required, with two metres preferred and a minimum of one metre
- students will be in cohorts, meaning groups which do not intermingle with others in the school
- students on buses can be seated one student per seat, and students living in the same home, or who are in the same cohort in school, can share seats
- lunch breaks and recesses will need to be staggered to avoid congestion in common areas
- there can be no sharing of food/drink, or school supplies
- student locker access as well as coat racks, etc., will be spaced to meet distancing requirements
- hallway traffic will be controlled in an effort to maintain distancing requirements
- parents will be asked to voluntarily bring their own children to school where possible, however all students who require bus transportation will receive it
- students and staff will continue to use the public health screening tool prior to coming to school, no one can attend school with any symptoms of illness
- distance learning plans will be developed for any students who are more vulnerable or immune compromised, and who therefore cannot attend school in-person
- masks will not be mandated at this time, though students and staff can choose to wear a non-medical mask at their own discretion

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Thank you.

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