



School District No. 60

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

September 1st, 2020

School District No. 60 - Restart Plan

Dear Parents,

By now, many of you have received or will be receiving a letter from your school with specific information on start-up. All safety protocols are in place and we are looking forward to seeing students back in schools.

As you know, school begins on September 10th as part of Orientation Week and the focus will be on safety, routines and building community.

The Ministry of Education recently announced some flexibility in terms of remote learning during a transition period back to school. I would like to clarify what that will look like in School District No. 60. First of all, the regular options still exist:

- Full-time regular attendance in a local school
- Distance Education program through the Key Learning Centre
 - Students are connected to a teacher and complete most of the work at home
- Homeschooling
 - Parents are the full instructors. Please be advised that you cannot complete grade 12 graduation requirement courses via homeschooling

While we are preparing for all our students to return on September 10th, the District acknowledges that some families may want more time to transition back to their regular school. In this case, please connect with your school administration to let them know by September 14th that you need more time. The school and teacher will then remain in contact with you in terms of newsletters, class emails, etc. over the following days/weeks and your child will continue to have a place at the school. If you do not intend to send your child, please let the school know and register for one of the other education options above. Please note that NPSS has its own plan if students are going to miss the first quarter.

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If you are taking more time, re-entry into school will need to take place by Monday, October 19th at the latest. During this transition period, District Learning Services will connect with you to provide guidance and resources for literacy and numeracy learning opportunities. Parents will be responsible for delivering instruction.

It is important to clarify that we are not returning to the hybrid model we had in June. All our staff will be fully deployed to deliver in-person instruction in schools.

The District will continue to consult with Northern Health, parent groups, union partners and Indigenous groups to ensure that we can respond to the issues and questions that arise. We foresee the current Stage 2 plan as the long-term strategy for the year. Our goal is to make this school year as positive, educational and safe as possible for all our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Petrucci', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephen Petrucci
Superintendent of Schools

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