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Dear Students, Parents and Staff:

I hope you and your children are having a well deserved and enjoyable summer, especially now that our weather has become so spectacular. I write to you today to provide an update regarding school start-up in September.

Education Minister Rob Fleming and Dr. Bonnie Henry recently made a joint provincial announcement about the school Restart Plan for the 2020 – 2021 school year. They indicated that all BC school districts would move to a Stage 2 return.

This stage, based on the recommendation of Dr. Henry, will facilitate a full-time in-class return to school for all students with enhanced safety measures and protocols. The biggest adjustment in stage 2 is that each SD51 school will create cohorts or learning groups of students. Learning groups will reduce the number of people each student or staff member will come into contact with. Fewer contacts will reduce the risk of transmission and ensure quicker contact tracing by health authorities should there be a need.

To assist in a safe return to school the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the PHO & the BC CDC is developing a comprehensive set of return to school guidelines. These guidelines will be customized to the intricacies of our school district and will be posted on our SD51 district website on August 26th. School Principals will provide more information to families detailing school protocols soon after that.

To find out more information please check out BC's Plan to safely bring K-12 students back to class full time - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0040-001415>

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K. Minette'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ken Minette,  
Superintendent of Schools