



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

August 14, 2020 - An Update from the Superintendent

Dear Parents,

These times are ever changing. Each day it seems like there is a new announcement that we adapt to and try to understand. It does create confusion and uncertainty. I will continue to update you with current information that I have and what we are currently working on to create our plans for returning to school.

Last week the Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, announced on Tuesday that there would be a delay to the start of school. This will allow for an orientation to learning groups and cohorts, health and safety guidelines and protocols for staff and students.

Each school will publish their Orientation Week so that parents know well in advance and can make plans.

I have also included this link to information on learning groups/cohorts. It may answer some of the questions you have.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school?bcgovtm=20200506_GCPE_AM_COVID_9_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BCGOV_EN_BC_NO_TIFICATION#learning-group

Behind the scenes, we have been working hard to create our district plan that has to be sent to the ministry for approval. Once we have approval, we will be making it public to you.

Next week we are holding work group meetings with teachers, principals, and vice-principals to create plans around what the learning groups/cohorts will look like in each school. High schools will have more work to do than elementary schools and their timetabling may look different. Once we have ministry approval each school will make public their plans by August 26th.

Many people also have questions about transportation and what bussing will look like. Those protocols are being worked on and will be made public once the ministry has approved them. Please continue to check our website for the most current information.

Take care,

Christy Fennell
SD59 Superintendent of Schools