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Dear Partners:

We hope this update finds you well. We have a lot of information to share with you so please take the time to review this letter and contact us if you have any further questions or concerns.

The BC Government announced the gradual re-opening of school as of June 1.

The June 1 optional return to school is part of <u>BC's Education Restart Plan (PDF)</u>. This prepares students and teachers for a return to full-time classes planned for September, provided it is safe to return.

Depending on risk of transmission, for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year:

- For Kindergarten to Grade 5, this means most students will go to school half time (such as alternating days)
- Grades 6-12 will go to school about one day a week
- Children of essential service workers and students needing additional supports will have the option to attend school full time
- Families that decide not to send their children to class may continue learning from home

For more information, please refer to:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caringorderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf

Moving forward, it is very difficult to know what June or September will look like but **as of today**, this is what we can tell you.

Graduation: Our high schools are in the process of developing a graduation program for those who are in a position to graduate. We will be unable to have our typical convocation, Prom and Dry Graduation ceremonies but plans are in progress so students can receive their Diploma and Cap & Gown. We will update you once all the details are finalized.

Co-Validation: We will be able to co-validate all the reports necessary regardless of whether or not the student has returned home or remained with us for their continuity of learning. We will be following the normal procedure of validating the student's report card at the end of June. Becky will be in contact with you shortly to confirm who needs to have their report card validated.