



September 3, 2020

Dear Families,

As we approach the long weekend, I wanted to reach out to you to share further details before school orientation begins next week.

Over the last number of days you have received a lot of information from both the District and your child's school. I appreciate that this has been a challenging time for all, and there has been much to digest and consider. I want to personally thank you for sharing with us your feedback, insight and your learning choice for your child.

### **Learning Options: Further Details and Survey Response**

We had promised to share more information about the learning options that were on our survey to you. For elementary families, additional details are now available [here](#) on our website. For secondary families, you will receive direct communication from your school. If your circumstances have changed and you wish to select a different learning option than previously indicated, kindly let your school know as quickly as possible this week, as the information is critical to their planning.

We received responses to our survey/electronic form for nearly 20,000 students. More than 80% of families are choosing to have their child attend their local school. Your Principal will have already shared information with you about coming back into your school. If you have further questions about orientation, schedules or anything else specific to your school, please contact your Principal. To those who selected an option other than in-class learning, you will receive direct communication in the coming days.

To those parents who did not get a chance to complete the survey before the September 1 deadline, if you have not yet connected with your school about your learning choice, please do so as quickly as possible this week.

### **As You Prepare Your Child**

School start-up is traditionally a busy time for families, students, and staff. With COVID-19, there has been an extra layer to what may already be a stressful time for some. If you feel you or your child could benefit from additional support, I wanted to make you aware that we have added to the mental health resources curated on our website, including the addition of tips to support your child with back-to-school. You can find that and more [here](#). Please know that educational staff will be there to support your child, as they return to their learning routines within the District.

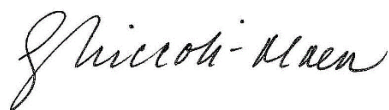
### **Deepest Thanks**

I want to once again extend my deep appreciation to our school and district-based staff. We have certainly learned that how we support learning during a pandemic is anything but static. As information has evolved each and every employee has had to pivot quickly, always with our main goal at the forefront: a return to school that is as smooth as possible with health and safety *always* the priority. To our families, I thank you once again for your trust, patience and understanding, as we have worked together to navigate these challenging times. I also wish to, again, express my sincere appreciation for the insight, ongoing feedback and partnership of: our District Parent Advisory Council, Burnaby Teachers' Association, CUPE Local 379, Burnaby Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, as well as local Indigenous Elders and leaders for their guidance and wisdom. And a warm thank you to our students: from those in Kindergarten – whose first day of school will certainly be unique in many ways –

to those through to Grade 12, you have taught us all lessons of hope and resilience. Students, please know that your voice, creativity, and leadership remains the heart of our community and will guide us all.

I hope that you will enjoy the long weekend before school start-up. As always, please take good care of yourselves and your loved ones.

With much appreciation and gratitude,



Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent



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**CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG**  
Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

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ਵਿਰਮ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉੱਲੇਕਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।

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معلومات هامة

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