



June 24, 2020

Dear parents/guardians,

As your children get ready to officially start their summer break, we would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your participation, patience and support as we have responded to this provincial health emergency. We know that it hasn't been easy for students and their families and we are thankful for your partnership and engagement with your child's learning over the last three months.

While we remain hopeful that there might be a full return to in-class instruction in September, it is still too early to know what stage we may be in come the fall. We are optimistic we will be in stage two, which would be a full return for elementary and middle schools and likely a blended learning model with some in-class instruction and some remote learning at secondary schools.

Over the past three months, the district has provided remote or online learning opportunities in an emergency response to the pandemic. We have responded as best we could to an urgent need in a short timeframe but, as the pandemic continues longer, we will need to be able to move students through the required curriculum learning outcomes – so as a result, learning will look different for students in the fall.

We have also been told by the Ministry of Education to think of the five stages of the K-12 education restart plan like a dial and to be prepared should we need to move between stages as directed by the Provincial Health Officer, in response to COVID-19.

In order to best support secondary students and have the flexibility to move between stages, Timberline and Carihi will be moving to the Copernican block schedule in the fall. This means that students at these two schools will take two courses for 10-week intervals rather than four courses for 20 weeks. Students will still get normal credits and the same number of courses that they have currently scheduled in the semester system but will only have to manage two courses at a time. We are hopeful this change helps focus student learning and relieves some complexity for students and their families.

Timberline and Carihi will provide parents and students with the details of the Copernican schedule before the start of school in September.

We will share more information about September as quickly and as thoroughly as we can. However, we may not be in position to share specific back-to-school details until the end of August as health officials monitor the status of COVID-19.

Through the summer we encourage you to use the district website (www.sd72.bc.ca) and official social media channels as your primary source for updates impacting SD72 students, staff and families. Follow us on social media at Campbell River School District – SD72 on Facebook and @CRSD72 on Twitter.

Have a wonderful summer. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Morrow", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Jeremy Morrow
Superintendent of Schools