



**Board of Education**  
**School District No. 22 (Vernon)**  
1401 – 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Vernon, BC V1T 8S8

August 4, 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Staff:

We hope you had an enjoyable BC Day weekend. We are writing to update you on the provincial back to school plan that was announced last week by the Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, and the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry.

Some Key Points:

- We will be in Stage 2 of the Revised Five Stage Framework for K-12 Education.
- Stage 2 is a full return to in-class instruction, beginning September 8, for all students for the maximum time possible within cohort limits.
- Schools will be organized in Learning Groups/Cohorts.
- Elementary will be in their regular division (class) for the vast majority of the day. Lunch time/activities will be organized to a maximum of 60 students in a cohort.
- Secondary schools' timetables will be organized into Learning Group Cohorts of a maximum of 120. District staff are currently working with secondary school administration to determine if and how timetables will need to be adjusted.
- The Ministry is providing increased funding for:
  - More cleaning supplies
  - More cleaning staff
  - Reusable masks for staff and older students available on request
- Busing will be provided and older students should wear masks.
- Site Based Occupation Health & Safety Committee training will occur prior to school start up.

The School District will be meeting with the Vernon Teachers' Association, CUPE and DPAC to develop a local return to school plan. The plan will be submitted to the Ministry by August 21.

Dr. Bonnie Henry has clearly stated that given the provincial data it is safe to return to school. Please see the following websites for more information:

- BC Ministry of Education [Schools Restart Plan – 5 Stages explanation](#) (website)
- BC Ministry of Education [Schools Restart Plan](#) (pdf)
- BC CDC COVID-19 Public Health [Guidance for K-12 School Settings](#) (pdf)

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We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to school in September. The approved local plan will be sent to you on August 26 and posted on our website.

Please see the COVID-19 section of our website at [sd22.bc.ca](https://sd22.bc.ca) for regular updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Lee".

Robert Lee  
Board Chair

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Joe Rogers  
Superintendent of Schools