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Stage 3 Plan – Return to In-Class Instruction

We look forward to welcoming students back to schools on June 1. Our top priority will continue to be the health and safety of students and staff while they are at school.

As of today over 975 students will be returning, approximately one-third of our student enrolment. The majority of returning students are in grades K-7. The detailed return to in-class instruction or Stage 3 Plan is available for parents and guardians on our district website and Facebook page.

The Quesnel School District will provide returning grades K-5 students two days of instruction per week and students in grades 6-12 one-day of instruction. In most schools this will happen over four days each week. Remote learning support for students in K-5 will be reduced when teachers have students in class. One-day per week will be designated for elementary teachers to continue remote learning and make connections with students at home.

At all schools students with special needs in low incidence categories and vulnerable students may be eligible to attend for up to five days per week dependent on school density. Children of essential service workers ages five to twelve will be eligible to attend five days per week.

If parents want their children to return to school on June 1 or later and have not made arrangements with the school it is important to contact the school as soon as possible. We are required to manage the number of students attending school and riding the bus each day.

Each school has a health and safety plan that will provide parents with the measures that have been put in place to keep staff and students safe. The school plan states that high touch surface cleaning will take place twice during the day and a thorough cleaning of the school each evening.

Students using bus transportation will be sent the bus health and safety plan by their principal.

As we work together to keep everyone healthy it is critically important for parents to check their children daily for the symptoms of COVID-19. Children who are sick must not come to school and students who develop symptoms at school will be sent home.

Physical distancing measures have been put in place in classrooms, throughout the school, and on the playground. In order to have a safe controlled environment only students and staff will be permitted to enter the school. Parents requiring assistance should phone or email the school.

We ask that parents talk with their children about the school health and safety plan and doing their best to avoid physical contact with friends. It is important for students to understand that in order for everyone to be safe they will need to follow these new rules.

Together we will keep everyone safe and healthy at school.

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