

August 26th, 2020



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am pleased to provide this update to our Back to School plans as we prepare to welcome students on September 10th, 2020.

As you are aware, we have been relying on Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Provincial Health Office to guide our planning and ensure we are setting safe and healthy learning environments for our students. It was under her direction that in-class learning was suspended last March, and the partial re-opening in June, and now, under clear guidelines, returning in September.

Attached is a summary of our district's Health and Safety Plan that was developed to ensure that we are meeting the Provincial Health Office K – 12 Guidelines for schools. School Principals are providing you with safety protocols for each of their schools. The summary of our [September Return to School Plan](#) and the complete [District Health and Safety Plan](#) can be reviewed on our [website](#).

These plans describe how we are meeting (or exceeding) the guidelines set out for schools by Dr. Henry and the Provincial Health Office. These include instructions on topics such as your role in health checks to ensure your child is not displaying any symptoms prior to heading off each day to school. Principals will highlight areas for you to ensure you are able to support your children in this new reality.

We are looking forward to the Fall and our work with your children. Our experience in June was that for the majority of children and families, the return to school was met with excitement. There is significant detail and information available on our website related to health and safety and while I encourage everyone to educate themselves as best as possible, for anyone with ongoing questions or concerns, I would ask that you contact your school principal or me directly at mhooker@sd19.bc.ca.

We continue to be very fortunate to live, learn, and work in such a supportive, healthy community. Thank you for your role in making that happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Hooker', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mike Hooker
Superintendent of Schools