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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you are keeping safe and well in these unprecedented times. This letter is to inform you of the next steps we are planning under the guidance of the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Office.

The Ministry of Education has a 5 stage plan (summarized below) to move forward with education during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

Education stages for K-12 students
<p>Stage 5</p> <p>Suspend all in-class instruction for all grades and students.</p> <p>Remote and online learning for all students.</p>
<p>Stage 4 *Current stage</p> <p>In-class learning for children of essential service workers and vulnerable students.</p> <p>Remote and online learning continues for most students.</p>
<p>Stage 3</p> <p>In-class learning for students in kindergarten to Grade 5 on a part-time basis.</p> <p>Access to in-class learning as needed for grades 6 to 12 on a part-time basis.</p> <p>Remote and online learning continues to be available for students.</p>
<p>Stage 2</p> <p>In-class learning for all students in elementary school (K to 7) on a full-time basis.</p> <p>In-class learning for secondary students (grades 8 to 12) on a part-time basis.</p> <p>Remote and online learning continues to be available for secondary students.</p>
<p>Stage 1</p> <p>A return to full in-class instruction.</p>

As for all School Districts in British Columbia, School District 85 has moved from *Stage 5*, where there was a lockdown of all schools with no students attending, into *Stage 4* with some in-class learning for the children of essential service workers, vulnerable students and some of our graduating students.

The next planned step is to move into *Stage 3* with some part time in-school teaching and learning for the K-5 grade groups. For the 6 - 7 grade groups, *Stage 3* will mean access to school on a prearranged, part-time basis, possibly one day per week and the Grade 8 – 12 on a part time pre-

arranged needs assessed basis. *Stage 1* will have all students back in the building full-time (this is further down the road) potentially in September.

We are working towards a plan for some part-time in-school learning for K-5 and vulnerable groups beginning on June 1. Principals and school staff will be reaching out to you with more information regarding this in the near future. At any stage, parents and legal guardians will continue to have the choice as to whether or not they want to send their child into the school building this school year.

If you do want your child to physically return to the school and your child is in the K-5 grade group or is categorized as vulnerable or in need of extra supports in the 6-12 grade group, then the school staff will be sharing with you their planned days for partial return.

Social distancing and other measures will be in effect in all school district buildings. If you are attending school with your child for any reason, please make sure only one adult from the family is in attendance and only by arrangement with the Principal. **Students, families and staff must not attend any building if they are sick.**

Please be assured that we are working closely with Public Health and Work Safe BC to ensure all of our buildings adhere to the BC Center for Disease Control guidelines. Health and safety protocols will continue to be in place to ensure the safety of our students, teachers and support staff. We will also continue to provide updated information on our SD85 website to keep you informed of the latest developments.

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Robertson', written in a cursive style.

Carol Robertson
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