

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Revelstoke Board of Education reviewed all the health and safety protocols that have been put into place for each of our schools. We are very happy to be welcoming many students back together to finish the school year. We know that students are excited as are our staff. The plan fully aligns with the directions provided by the Provincial Health Office and will help us maintain the safe healthy environments we have come to expect in our schools.

For students/families choosing to return in June, please take some time to review the following information. (All of the details are available on our district website <https://www.sd19.bc.ca>). Further information on COVID-19 can also be obtained at the BC Centre for Disease Control website <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19> and at the BC Provincial Government's website <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>.

***We are asking that you:***

- Monitor and assess your children before sending them to school, checking for any symptoms including: fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or sneezing.
- Keep children at home if they show any symptoms and notify your principal.
- Observe physical distancing and avoiding physical contact whenever possible.
- Send only the items your child may need for the time they are at school, limiting any unnecessary belongings.
- Know that if your child develops symptoms while at school, we will be contact you right away to come and pick up your child immediately.
- Learn about safe practices on our website at [www.sd19.bc.ca](http://www.sd19.bc.ca)

***At school we will:***

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces including door knobs, light switches, toilet handles, tables, desks, and chairs.
- Ensure regular cleaning and disinfecting at the end of every day and all garbage will be removed from the school.
- Ensure that every teaching space has cleaning supplies necessary for use during the day by students and staff.
- Avoid using items that cannot easily be cleaned (e.g. dress up clothing and stuffed toys).
- Use hand sanitizer stations and ensure that we encourage the use of soap and water. Everyone will be reminded to wash their hands regularly.

**Shared responsibilities to keep everyone healthy and safe:**

- Follow all health and safety practices at school with a focus on personal hygiene, physical distancing as best as possible and keeping “hands to yourself”.
- Stay home when sick or experiencing symptoms beyond ordinary baseline health (i.e. seasonal allergies are not “symptoms”).
- Bring your own filled water bottle. Water fountains will be turned off, but water bottle filling stations will be available.
- Only bring essential personal items, limiting any unnecessary belongings.
- Everyone will be encouraged to wash their hands more often and for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Lockers are not available. All personal belongings must be in a backpack at the student’s work space.
- Cover coughs and sneezes, do not touch your face, and do not share food, drinks, or personal items.
- Make use of available supplies to clean areas you have contacted whenever possible.

**Transportation:**

Our buses will be running regular routes to Johnson Heights, Airport Way South, Highway 23 South, Big Eddy, and Highway 1 East and West for both elementary and secondary students. A revised schedule will be available on our website prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

At this time, we are not able to transport all Grade 8-12 students from the Arrow Heights or Columbia Park areas due to the health and safety requirements for reduced numbers of students on the bus. Greg Kenyon, Principal of Revelstoke Secondary School, will work directly with students who need special consideration or have extenuating circumstances. Please contact him directly by email at [gkenyon@sd19.bc.ca](mailto:gkenyon@sd19.bc.ca).

Dr. Bonnie Henry recently reminded us that the measures we are taking are working, and that we are ready to take this next step. We look forward to making June a memorable finish to an unusual year.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have questions, ideas, or concerns at [mhooker@sd19.bc.ca](mailto:mhooker@sd19.bc.ca).

Sincerely,



Mike Hooker  
Superintendent of Schools