



DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Delview Families,

We hope that you and your family are well and that your child(ren) are continuing to engage with remote learning. We recognize that these are challenging times and our staff will continue to support students and families to the best of our ability.

We know this change to remote learning has been relatively easy for some students, while other students are finding this way of learning quite difficult. We would like to acknowledge the resiliency of many of our students and encourage those who are having difficulty to reach out to our staff for additional support. Students who regularly receive support from a Learning Support Teacher or Educational Assistant are encouraged to contact these individuals on any day to access assistance with learning activities. Please continue to communicate with your teachers on a weekly basis, keep up with the activities that you are being assigned and reach out when you need support. Thank you Delview students for being adaptable and patient during this time.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the Delview's staff for also being resilient in pivoting into this remote learning environment. While some staff are comfortable working in the online environment, others have learned a great deal and have changed their practices to help students to continue their learning since Spring Break. We know that this transition has not been perfect, but under the circumstances, our staff have also been resilient in this change in practice. Thank you Delview staff.

Remote Learning will continue next week from Monday May 11th to Thursday, May 14th. Please note that because Friday, May 15 is a Professional Development Day, staff will not be available to share learning opportunities or provide additional support.

Provincial Announcement

On Wednesday, May 6th, the Province announced plans for a phased-in approach to resume in-class instruction. While it is encouraging to think we may gradually get back to a somewhat normal routine, we must remember that any return to school will be planned in a measured and mindful way to maintain a healthy and safe environment for students, families and staff. Please temper your expectations regarding this announcement as there needs to be a great deal of planning to setup schools for this type of return. As mentioned in Superintendent Doug Sheppard's letter distributed yesterday, more information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Student Expectations during Remote Learning

As students and staff continue with remote learning, it is important that students are aware of the following expectations:

- Students are strongly encouraged to check their DeltaLearns account daily.
- Students should be responding to each of their teachers at a minimum of one time each week. 'Responding' means sending something back to your teachers (e.g. submitting assignments, sending email messages, phone conversations, participating in a video conference, etc.)
- Students are strongly encouraged to contact their teachers more than one time each week as necessary.
- Students are expected to engage in a meaningful way in the learning activities that are shared by teachers.

If students are not meeting these expectations, students and parents will be contacted by a teacher, counsellor or administrator to offer guidance.

Access to Counselling Support

Students and families who would like to speak with a counsellor should email the appropriate counsellor and request that the counsellor contact them by phone. Students should contact the appropriate counsellor as listed below:

Mrs. Raj Pooni	Last Name (A-G)	rpooni@deltasd.bc.ca
Mr. Jason Sall	Last Name (H-Q)	jsall@deltasd.bc.ca
Mrs. Marion Schlatter	Last Name (R-Z)	mschlatter@deltasd.bc.ca

Student and Family Supports

The Delta School District has been working diligently at supporting families who do not have the basic needs. The district and Delview staff have been in contact with many families who require this support. Our Child Youth Care Workers have been delivering food hampers to vulnerable families. We are proud of the extraordinary efforts that both district and school staff have taken to ensure our most vulnerable community members are being supported. If you require this type of support, please contact your child's counsellor or contact the school directly.

Students who are struggling to access the technology necessary to participate in remote learning should contact the school. The school is able to loan technology to students so that they are able to engage in learning. If you need to borrow technology to assist in your remote learning please let one of your teachers know or contact the school directly.

Recognition of Grade 12 Students

We know that the interruption to our regular school routines has been a difficult time for our grade 12 students. The anticipation, planning, and excitement about graduation, and all the associated celebrations and gatherings are significant events in our students' lives. The pandemic has left many of our grade 12 students and their families disappointed with the impact on traditional grade 12 experiences. With the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) indicating that large gatherings will not be permitted through the summer, the Grad Dinner/Dance and the Commencement Ceremony as we know them, will not take place.

As a community, we can be very proud of the sacrifices that we have made to ensure the safety of others. By following the directives of the PHO, our collective actions have 'flattened the curve'. We must continue to do our part. Now is not the time to gather in groups. We are saddened by this change as there is nothing that can replace the magic and connection of the typical grad experiences that includes gatherings and photographs with friends, families and teachers.

In the meantime, we remain committed to honouring our grade 12 students in an alternative way and hope to have additional details to share in the coming weeks. Although it has yet to be determined how we will recognize Grade 12 students in June, we would like all Grade 12 students to submit a comment so that they may be included in any form of Grade 12 recognition that takes place. Comments can be submitted by clicking on the following link <https://forms.gle/UwWGZpQ5hnZiA5jd6>, which was emailed to all Grade 12 students on Tuesday.

We recognize that these are challenging times for students and families. As a school, we will continue to support students and families in their health, well-being and learning. Please contact us if you require assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

Kevin Vasconcelos
Principal

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Vice Principal