



DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Delview Families,

Entering the final week of May, we are down to the final four weeks of our 2020 – 2021 school year and students and staff are working hard to get to the finish line. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to keep up their learning, stay engaged, utilize the Flexible Learning Time to support their learning and enjoy the last four weeks of school before we break for summer.

Thank you all for the efforts up until now and your patience through this unprecedented time. Let's continue to meet and exceed the safety standards until we can all be safe. Please see the important information items and reminders below:

Reporting and Assessment:

Quarter 4 mid-term report cards were released to families today. Report Cards are viewable on students MyEd portal and Parent Connect. If you are unable to view your child's report card, please contact the school for assistance on how to access the report card. *If you have any concerns about your student's progress, please contact the teacher directly via email. A reminder that students have the opportunity for support and assistance every day from 1:30pm – 2:10pm during Flexible Learning Time.*

2021 – 2022 School Calendar & Schedule:

On May 31st, you will be receiving a separate letter that will indicate our 2021 -2022 school calendar which will outline days in session, non-instructional days, reporting periods and other important dates for your planning.

This year, schools had to be able to pivot or adjust their schedule based on COVID-19 cases and, we foresee a similar situation for the next school year. In preparation for the return to classes in the fall, the Province's COVID-19 education steering committee will work with public health officials to update safety guidelines. We will share further information as soon as we receive it.

After many consultations with the district, the Ministry and other secondary schools around schedules and structures that best support student learning and teachers in their role as instructors, Delview Secondary will be returning to a semester schedule for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

The school year will again be broken down into two semesters. Each semester will comprise of four blocks, where students will be attending four 70-minute classes per day with a scheduled 40-minute flex block 4 days per week. The schedule will rotate on a 4-day schedule Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with a consistent block order on Wednesdays. On Wednesdays, we will once again have a later start to support the district initiative of Teacher Collaboration Days. Students will begin class at 9:30am on Wednesdays and end at 2:50pm.

The flex time will be used as instructional time to provide additional support for students within their classes. The time will also be used to provide academic support in our inclusive learning programs (LST, Gradquest, SLP). The 4-day rotation on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will allow the flex block to be attached to each block once per week.

School Fees

Before the end of June, *I would encourage families to see if they have any outstanding balances for their students' fees. You can check balances and make payments on Parent Connect.* Another option for payment is to write a cheque to the school or use a debit card at the school. Clearing up school fees is an important thing to take care of by the end of the year. *If students have bought yearbooks and they have outstanding fees, we will not release the yearbook until those fees are taken care of.* If there are any financial hardship requests, please contact me directly and we can see if we can help come to a solution that works for all of us.

COVID Update:

On May 25, the Government launched a restart plan to safely bring people back together. Learn more here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0037-001008>. This is extremely welcome news, but to help keep COVID-19 cases low, we must all continue to follow the recommendations from the PHO.

A quick reminder that Fraser Health and the Provincial Health Officer set the protocols for us to follow as a school. Please keep yourself up to date. Changes are constantly happening depending on the information that they have. Keep safe and well.

Health and Safety Protocols:

Last week, the Province was able to accelerate its vaccine roll-out with the increases in the number of vaccines received by the Province.

Dr. Henry also announced that the Province will start vaccinating youth 12 and over, with the hope of completing the first dose by the end of June. While this has been welcome news for our entire community, it is imperative that we continue to be diligent and follow all Provincial Orders.

We ask students and families to review and continue to adhere to all Health and Safety Protocols:

- wear a face covering at all times when indoors
- disperse in a timely manner at the end of the school day
- maintain physical distancing and wear masks outside the school prior to and after classes
- wash re-wearable masks daily after they have been worn
- keep at least 2 meters/6 feet from people outside of your cohort
- regularly wash/sanitize your hands
- sneeze and cough into the crease of your elbow
- refrain from gathering with people who are outside of your immediate household
- complete the [Daily Health Check](#)
- **remain at home when feeling ill or showing symptoms of illness**

NEW FRASER HEALTH CONTACT NUMBER:

The Fraser Health Authority has a dedicated telephone line for the school COVID-related inquiries. **The number to call for advice regarding COVID-19 symptoms is 604-587-4769.** This number replaces 8-1-1 for COVID-related advice.

Collection Sample Kits in Schools:

Recently, our school received collection sample kits to help make testing for COVID-19 easier and faster for students and their families. The kits come with detailed instructions for parents on how to collect the sample. Samples are to be taken at home and dropped off at a Life Labs location within 24 hours, not at the school.

The collection sample kits will be given to any student that starts to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms while at school if the parent/guardian wants one. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at a Life Labs location in a timely manner, or some parents may prefer to take their child to a testing location.

All parents are encouraged to continue to monitor their children daily for COVID-19-like symptoms using the [Daily Health Check](#), and to keep them home if they show signs of illness.

Informing the School of COVID-Related Health Issues:

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols, or a self-isolation notice related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact the school to inform us. We would like to centralize the collection of this information so that we can effectively follow up as necessary in an effort to keep our community safe. Please call 604-946-4194 or email deltasecondary@deltasd.bc.ca

2021 Commencement Ceremony Update

The Province's [restart plans](#) are for public events and households only and do not apply to education settings. The guidelines for schools remain the same as we currently have under stage 2 of the K-12 Education Restart Plan. The Ministry of Education has been clear that graduation ceremonies will continue under the guidelines recently published, COVID-19 Planning Resource – Graduation.

We recognize that this year is not how our grads envisioned their final year, and that this is a significant milestone for our students, their families and our staff. We're committed to making these year-end ceremonies meaningful for students and families, while at the same time being consistent with the PHO Gathering and Events Order and the K-12 Health & Safety Guidelines, and balancing the comfort level and needs of our students and their families.

We promise to do our very best to make your grad shine on their convocation day. We hope you take the opportunities under the new guidelines to celebrate your child at home as well.

Gr 12 Families will receive a separate email next week with reminders for our upcoming Commencement Ceremony on June 5th

Thank you for your understanding and your commitment to celebrating the Grad class of 2021!

Summer Learning in the Classroom is Back: (Summer School)

The Delta School District is once again offering a variety of courses for students residing in Delta in grades 8 – 12 this summer. To view what is available, please go to our Summer Learning page here:

- <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-school-registration/>

Canadian Census 2021

You may have heard that the 2021 Census is underway. It has been a challenging year for families, and the census might seem like another thing on your busy to-do list. However, I would like to encourage you to complete your census if you haven't already done so. Census data helps governments at all levels plan for schools, transportation, community centres, libraries and recreational activities. Data from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial, because it will help to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and to better plan for the future. You can quickly and easily complete your census questionnaire at www.census.gc.ca using the access code you received in the mail. If you need assistance, or would like to have a paper (or alternate format) questionnaire, please call the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021. Thank you for doing your part to help plan for a better future for all Canadians.

Upcoming Events:

May 28 Q3 Mid-Term Report Cards
June 3 Gang Prevention Presentation (Virtual)- Grade 8-11
June 5 Grad Commencement (GradsBC Event)
June 23 Last Day of Quarter 4 In-person Instruction
June 24/25 Transition/"I-Day" (no classes in-session)
June 29 Quarter 4 Final Report Cards on MyED/Connect

Thank you to our entire Delview school community for your continued support. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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