

Together We Learn



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Board of Education

PARTIAL RETURN TO CLASS FOR K-12 STUDENTS

These are uncertain times. As we follow directions from the Province of BC regarding the resumption of some form of in-class instruction, we share our community's concerns about another major shift.

We know we can face the next challenge because of how your courage and dedication helped us get through these last weeks.

School will not look like it did before the pandemic, but safety remains the top priority in all our decisions. The final weeks of the school year will be preparation for how school may look in the fall. This preparation is essential to ensuring we can safely deliver face-to-face education going forward.

We are currently in Stage 4 of the Ministry of Education's measured approach to phasing in a return to learning in classrooms no later than June 1st. When the Ministry announces a date for return to in-class instruction, we will move to Stage 3, which includes:

- In-class learning for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 on a part-time basis.
- Access to in-class learning as needed for Grades 6 to 12 on a part-time basis.
- Remote and online learning for some students.

If learning in-class works well for families, we will welcome children to safe classrooms. Parents may choose to keep children at home and some online education will be provided to those students. We will continue to update you on emerging details as they become available.

By following the Province's directives and strict guidelines for health and safety, we are confident that staff and students will be safe, comfortable, and ready to learn in our schools. For those who have health challenges or other concerns about returning to schools, the District will continue to consider each individual circumstance.

The Central Okanagan Board of Education is immensely grateful for the hard work of all staff, everyone's patience, and the kindness we witness throughout our community. Together we will navigate through this next shift in education.

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