BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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August 31, 2021

Dear Families.

With September soon upon us, I would like to welcome you and your child back for the upcoming school year. I hope that you and your family are well and having an enjoyable summer.

The plans set out by the Government of BC have students attending in-person at school full-time. In a letter to welcome families back in September, Superintendent Gina Niccoli-Moen outlined classroom alternatives for some families who may be looking for an option outside of in-person learning. Details of the options can be found in the August 27th letter here. We will continue to work with families on an individual basis where unique and extenuating circumstances exist.

I am reaching out to let you know that students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will continue to have supports and services, as outlined in their IEP, whether their learning environment is in-person, through Burnaby Online, or through the Out of School Support (Homebound) Program.

Staff have been planning for ways in which students will be supported and continue to have the following in place:

- An IEP for your child will continue to be developed and assessed in consultation with students, families and education professionals, such as school-based Learning Support Teachers, Education Assistants, and the District Learning Support Team. This team may include District Learning Support Teachers, Speech and Language Pathologists, Behaviour Analysts, School Psychologists, and Vision and Hearing Teachers. Together, they design learning opportunities.
- Students will continue to have access to their on-going health and safety supports that are part of their student plans (i.e. behaviour support, personal care, safety, and medical care plans). These plans are reviewed on a regular basis.
- Depending on the learning environment of your child, the strategies outlined within the IEP or student plans may need to be adjusted and may not fully replicate the support and services provided in the educational setting at the home school.

As we approach and begin the new school year, school staff will continue to reach out to families of students who may need additional support transitioning back. On behalf of school and district staff, please know that we are very much looking forward to working with you and your child to have a successful and enjoyable school year ahead.

Regards,

Jeannette Laursoo, Assistant Superintendent