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معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

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April 23, 2021

Dear Secondary Students and Families,

As we head into the final quarter (Q4) of one of the most unique school years in our history, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding. It was certainly not what we expected, and we know it has been difficult for you in a multiplicity of ways.

For families there will be a range of emotions in these final two months of the school year with some increased in-person learning in Q4 and graduation for our Grade 12 students.

Next week, the Q4 adjustments will proceed, and I want to reassure you that we will continue to work with families, teachers, staff, the Ministry of Education and health officials to ensure the schedule can, and will, be implemented safely. Recognizing the increased case numbers and trepidation some families may be feeling, ongoing health monitoring and collaboration with health officials is critical. If any modifications are needed, the District will respond quickly and provide updates immediately.

The Q4 adjustments will:

- Maximize the amount of in-person learning time to two hours and 45 minutes every day for all Grade 8 and 9 courses;
- Increase in-person learning time for students in Grades 10 through 12 to two hours and 45 minutes two days per week, and one hour and 45 minutes, three days per week;
- Allow any student wanting to attend full time, to do so, in consultation with school administration.

We believe it is important to proceed safely and will continue to work collaboratively to support students who may be struggling with their academics or well-being. If you have any questions about the adjustments or your child's attendance, please contact your school administrators or counsellors directly.

We continue to plan for the 2021/22 school year and on April 15, 2021, we were notified by Vancouver Coastal Health that as part of the frontline and essential worker immunization plan, teachers and staff are now eligible for vaccinations. These incremental steps will contribute toward keeping our students safe when we return to school full time, in-person, in the fall. We will continue to keep you updated on those plans.

To our Grade 12 students, I know that many of you are wondering about graduation celebrations. I want to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring our graduates' achievements are celebrated, albeit in new and different ways. Next week, schools will provide more details about the plans to honour graduating students. This has not been the journey students and families expected and the resilience, determination and commitment our Grade 12's and their families have shown is commendable. It is my hope that the unintended lessons of this school year will serve students well in their future endeavours.

The pandemic has had an impact on families and our schools and for all that you have done to support each other, I am thankful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Suzanne Hoffman
Superintendent/CEO
Vancouver School District