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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope that you continue to stay safe and are managing as best as can be during these unusual days. We know you have been working hard to keep your students engaged at home and connected to their school and teacher in whatever fashion that has served your family best.

As of May 14, most of our staff are back in our buildings, continuing to support students in a variety of ways as has been the case since April. As we look forward to more of the BC Economy opening, we as a school system are an integral part of Premier Horgan's **BC Restart Plan**. This 5-stage plan has us beginning to move from Stage 4 to Stage 3 where we will begin to offer increased in person instruction, while maintaining distance learning opportunities, and support to students beginning June 1.

For our K - Grade 5 students this could look like two days a week in smaller than usual groupings, half of the usual class size or less. With Health and Safety in mind as the primary focus we will maintain smaller adult to student ratios than we typically would. For Grade 6 - 12 students, in person instruction will be offered one day week with the same smaller group ratios.

As we begin to prepare for this next phase, we are reaching out to you with a survey to complete. The link is in the email sent to you with this letter. If you could please complete the survey by Friday, May 22nd that would be of great assistance to us.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us plan, your response does NOT lock you into what you have indicated, it solely helps us prepare for what the first week of our start up may look like. If you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch with your school principal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jameel Aziz', is written over a horizontal line.

Jameel Aziz
Assistant Superintendent