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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

We are excited to welcome you back for the 2021/2022 school year. We are pleased that full-time in person learning opportunities will be made available for all School District No. 58 students this year. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be welcoming all district students back to school.

Many of you will have seen the recent news from The Minister of Education and Dr. B. Henry in regard to returning to school. We are pleased to see measures in place to protect the health and well-being of all in our system so that we can return to some of the activities that both students and staff were missing.

**Highlights of Updated Measures:**

- *Masks for students in grades 4-12 will be required in all Indoor Spaces, including buses.*
- *Masks are encouraged at the kindergarten to grade 3 level*
- *Daily Health Checks remain in place for all SD58 Students and Staff*
- *Students MUST remain home when exhibiting symptoms of Illness*
- *Student Drop Off and Pick Up Still Need to Occur OUTSIDE of the School*
- *Daily deep cleaning and enhanced cleaning protocols*
- *Masks are required for all staff in Indoor spaces where barriers are not*

**Full information can be found at this web address:**

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EDUC0058-001663>

We know that many of you have had challenging summers with wildfires and may have been evacuated, on alert or dealing with other strains on your energy and well-being. We are hopeful that the structure of schools will allow you and your children to have something to look forward to and engage positively in. Our school buildings are ready for your arrival and our staff are happy and excited to see your children back.

We will continue to communicate regularly about any changes in protocols, routines or measures via our newly updated website and the other communication tools we have traditionally used. Our updated plans can be found on our district website at [www.sd58.bc.ca](http://www.sd58.bc.ca)

Our very best to all of you,

Stephen McNiven  
Superintendent of Schools

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