

August 20, 2020

Dear Families, Students, and Staff,

With just three weeks left until we welcome students back to school, I want to update you on some developments.

On Monday all school districts received operational guidelines from the Ministry to support the creation of our restart plans. Among the updates are a requirement that teachers, staff, middle and secondary students wear masks in high traffic areas, such as hallways. You can learn more [_____](#).

All students will have an Office 365 account and will be placed within a Microsoft Team assigned to their teacher. This will allow students to access learning if there are changes to pandemic stages or if they are at home temporarily due to illness.

While I know you have many more questions about what school will look like in Burnaby in September, please be assured that we will be in a position to share further details and options with you once our plans are approved by the Ministry of Education early next week. For families of children with special needs, please know that staff will also be reaching out to you directly. As previously shared, we will make our approved plans public by August 26. In the meantime, we will continue to post updates, as available, on the District website: [_____](#).

As we prepare to resume in-class instruction, I appreciate the range of feelings families may have. While I encourage you to wait for our approved district plan before making any decisions, I want to share that

