



## **CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN – TRANSITION TO STAGE 3**

On May 7, 2020, the Minister of Education outlined five stages in the Ministry of Education's continuity of learning plan and requested that school districts prepare to transition from the current stage 4 to stage 3.

The stages are described as:

Stage 4 – Suspension of in-class instruction, except for in-class school options for essential worker's students and priority learners.

Stage 3 – Voluntary, part-time in-class learning for kindergarten to grade five students, priority learners, and students of essential service workers. Continued online learning for grade six – twelve students and priority students, with some options for part-time small group in-class support.

A transition plan has been developed for students, families, and staff to transition from Stage 4 to Stage 3 that is adaptable as further direction from the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer becomes available.

### **INFORMATION**

During Stage 3 continuity of learning in British Columbia, SD73 has set interim continuity of learning guidelines:

- Teachers are in touch with each student a minimum of once per week. For those students that choose to attend in-class instruction, this will be greater.
- Materials are available to students in an online format and/or by pick-up and drop-off once per week.
- Continuity of learning plans are communicated with parents and include the student's school-based and external school-based team where appropriate.
- Teachers outline a minimum of five hours of instruction for each student for kindergarten to grade seven each week and deliver these expectations each Monday to all students. It is expected that there will be two to three hours of instruction provided per course for each grade eight to twelve student each week.
- Where possible, kindergarten to grade five teachers provide options to engage online learners during instructional hours.

### **Re-engagement Schedule for Elementary Schools**

Transition to Stage 3 will require the re-engagement of staff in school and district facilities. Kindergarten to grade five students will receive voluntary part-time in-class instruction. Kindergarten to grade five essential services students and kindergarten to grade twelve district

resource room students will receive voluntary full-time in-class instruction by their classroom teacher.

During this stage, large gatherings of staff and students will not be permitted. Therefore, staff meetings, assemblies and other large functions will be delivered in an online or alternate format. In addition, physical distancing guidelines will require adaptation of student's learning time, during lunch and recess.

A phased in approach will allow SD73 to incorporate health and safety guidelines as they become available while following Ministry of Education directions or adjust to changing directions from the Provincial Health Officer.

During Stage 3, playground structures will continue to be closed. Busing options will not be available for students until further health and safety guidelines are provided from the Ministry of Education.

During May 11 – May 15, 2020 students will continue to receive distance learning options and staff will prepare classrooms and school facilities for in-class learning opportunities. Principals will ensure continued communication between the school and families during this period of transition. Teachers will set up classrooms to accommodate physical distancing and to support contact surface cleaning and disinfection. Teachers will communicate with each family by phone to determine expected attendance for the voluntary in-class portion of instruction for kindergarten to grade five students.

Essential school services provided at Pacific Way and Lloyd George Elementary schools will transition to the student's regular school. In order to move these services to the home school, essential school options will not be available on May 14 and 15, 2020. Students will be required to learn from a distance during these days. The regular classroom teacher will contact essential services students to engage them in in-class instruction beginning May 19, 2020.

Beginning May 19, 2020 all school and district staff will be expected to report to their workplace for regular work hours. Prior to returning to school and work, all staff and students will be trained in health and safety protocols. School teams will determine expected attendance lists, and prepare schedules and plans to ensure appropriate health and safety guidelines are met between May 19 – 22, 2020. District resource rooms will prepare for in-class instruction to begin on May 20, 2020.

On May 25, 2020 part-time in-class instruction will begin for kindergarten to grade five students and grade five-six split classes. In order for health and safety conditions to be met in schools, only half of each class of kindergarten to grade five students will attend each day, divided into groups one and two. Learning will occur using the following schedule:

- Monday – Online/distance learning for all students
- Tuesday/Wednesday – Group 1 students attend in-class instruction, no distance learning options

- Thursday/Friday – Group 2 students attend in-class instruction, no distance learning options

On May 25, 2020 part-time in-class instruction will begin for priority learners in grades six to twelve that require in-class support to be successful with distance learning, including grade twelve students that are in jeopardy of not meeting graduation requirements. Students and families will be contacted by teachers to arrange for this instruction.

Providing learning opportunities for students and monitoring their progress within appropriate health and safety guidelines remains the priority for SD73 during this transition.