



June 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: COVID-19 Information Bulletin

It has been great to see smiles and hear laughter from students in our schools again. This week, we welcomed nearly 5,000 students across the District. It has been a positive and smooth transition overall. We hope both in-school and remote learners will continue to have success during this challenging time.

As a long-time educator and parent, I can understand how stressful it is to take on more roles than ever before. The District appreciates your support in working alongside our staff in helping deliver our Continuity of Learning Plan.

WHAT TO DO IF I WANT MY CHILD TO RETURN TO IN-CLASS LEARNING NOW?

As a reminder to parents, this voluntary option to access in-class learning remains available. If your family's circumstance has changed and you would like your child to attend in-school learning, please contact your school administrator to make arrangements and to access information needed to prepare you for a healthy and safe return.

WHEN IS THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL?

The last day of in-school instruction for secondary students is Friday, June 19th.

Tuesday, June 23rd will be the final day of remote learning and/or in-school instruction. Elementary and Middle students will receive the schedule for the final week of June, including transportation information, from their schools

ESW Tier I and II families will receive in-school support until Thursday, June 25th.

If you have any questions about the last week of school, please contact your school administrator.

TERM 3 REPORT CARDS FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

This term, we have experienced a dramatic shift in the way students in our province participate in their schooling. Thank you for your at-home support during these extraordinary times. Through working together as a team, we have been able to keep children safe, while also providing for their continued learning.

Due to the many changes this term has brought us, families should expect that June report cards will look different from those in past years. The report card is a snapshot of the learning for the term; however, no single document can encompass all a student has achieved. Experiential learning with family members, developing digital confidence and citizenship, and the pursuit of passions are examples of unique learning that has taken place in this unprecedented time. Below is an explanation of the learning that you will see represented on the report card.

Term 3 – English Language Arts and Mathematics

This term, teaching and learning centered around English Language Arts and Mathematics. For these two subject areas, teachers will provide brief, written descriptive feedback in relation to the prioritized literacy and numeracy essential standards that your child's learning focused on. Teachers will report on evidence of learning shared by your child throughout the term. Your child will receive a proficiency level or letter grade based on the amount of evidence of learning in both of these subject areas.

Term 3 – Other Curricular Subjects

Teachers will not be reporting on subjects aside from English Language Arts and Mathematics unless their remote learning plans focused specifically on other subject areas.

Final/Overall Marks

For students who receive a final term mark (Grade 4+), teachers will provide a final letter grade or proficiency level for every subject area. These marks will be based on learning accomplished prior to Spring Break. For English Language Arts and Mathematics, the final mark will be based on overall achievement throughout the entire school year and teachers will use their professional judgement to determine the emphasis Term 3 will play in the final mark.

Student Self-Assessment

Students will complete a Self-Assessment of Core Competencies and the report card comment will indicate where parents can locate this document. Most likely, it will be placed either in your child's myBlueprint or TEAMS account.

Final report cards can be accessed through MyEDBC as of Thursday, June 25th; paper copies will not be provided.

TERM 3 REPORT CARDS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Information regarding secondary report cards will be shared next week.

I am encouraged by the hard work of our staff and the support from our parent community. We will continue to do our best to provide you with as much information as possible to help everyone be prepared for changes in this new form of education. Stay healthy, safe and enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,



Gord Stewart

Superintendent of Schools