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Dear Staff,

I would like to thank you for all your efforts in creating a Continuity of Learning Program for our students and for continuing to support them through their educational journey.

As we all know we are transitioning to stage 3 of the 5-stage Education Restart Plan. In this phase we will increase face to face instruction for students. Schools have been working to create a program that meets the mandated criteria as well as provides students an opportunity to return to face to face instruction.

To that end it is expected that all staff will return to their school or work location effective June 1st and that they continue to work from that location for the remainder of the school year. The exceptions to this would be those individuals who have an accommodation agreement with their supervisor.

Prior to June 1st we wish to remind everyone that they must complete the Health and Safety return to school protocols as well as the online test. We would also encourage everyone to complete this next week before returning to their respective sites to ensure you are prepared for students.

Everyone has been working extremely hard preparing a return plan for both staff and students and I know they have been in contact with you and will continue to do so leading up to June 1st.

Our operations staff and custodial department have been diligent in preparing our buildings for the students and your return.

I encourage you to visit the School District website and find the latest edition of the return to work safety protocols. These protocols are constantly being updated and we advise everyone to be up to date with any and all changes.

Lastly, we encourage those who have any concerns leading up to June 1st and the beginning of stage 3 to connect with your school Principal to work through your individual situation.

Once again, thank you very much for your ongoing efforts and for everything you do for the students of School District 71.

Please take care of yourself and each other.

Respectfully,

Tom Demeo
Superintendent of Schools (Comox Valley)