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An update to the Letters to Parents and Guardians dated May 22, 2020.

Dear Parents and Guardians of Comox Valley Schools,

As you know, the Ministry of Education announced a [Restart Plan](#) for students returning to school for face-to-face instruction.

As stipulated in the plan, students in grades K-5 will receive two days a week of instruction while students in grades 6 to 12 will receive one day a week of instruction. Based on the different configurations in our elementary schools, our District requested that our grade 6 and 7 students be included in the K-5 plan, which would allow them to have two days a week of face-to-face instruction.

The Ministry of Education did not grant approval for the inclusion of grade 6 and 7 in our Return to School Framework and, therefore, students in these grades in our elementary schools will only return back one day a week.

What will this look like for our students?

- Students in grades K-5 who have notified the school that they are returning in-class instruction will be divided into two groups – group A and group B. Group A will attend on Monday and Tuesday while Group B will attend on Thursday and Friday. At-home support/connection will occur each Wednesday.
- Students in grades 6 and 7 will be invited back to school for one day of in-class instruction a week. Grades 8 to 12 will have up to one day a week available to for face-to-face instruction. Plans to return students to secondary school are currently being developed and individual schools will be contacting you.
- All Essential Services Workers and vulnerable students are entitled to five days a week of in-class instruction no matter the grade.
- Teachers will continue to support their home learners as they have been doing to date although it will not be as rigorous now that they are delivering face-to-face instruction.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding and look forward to having our students back in our schools.