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Dear Parents/Guardians and Families

As we draw near to the end of the school year, we are facing a forecast of extreme heat and humidity, which requires us to make a decision about whether to keep our schools open tomorrow, June 28.

Our plan is to keep all District schools open, but parents/guardians and families are encouraged **to keep their child(ren) at home if possible**. Kindly report your child(ren)'s absence with your school.

Students are welcome at school and all bus routes will be operating on their normal schedules. We are, however, anticipating a low attendance on Monday, and, as such Monday is considered an "optional day."

The school district will continue to monitor daytime heat in school settings throughout tomorrow morning and staff may be required to relocate if determining factors regarding temperatures and conditions deem it is no longer safe to remain open.

On Thursday 24 June, the District shared a letter to school communities with helpful tips on staying safe during extreme heat conditions. The letter can be found at <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/heat-wave-forecast-for-valley/>.

Tuesday is the last scheduled day of the 2020 – 2021 school year and is a half day. School staff look forward to the final chance to connect and for students to say their farewells and finish up year-end matters including picking up report cards if necessary. We will monitor the forecast and make any adjustments for this last half-day, Tuesday as required.

Parents/guardians, staff and students are encouraged to refer to the school district website and social media channels, and tune into the local radio at 97.3 (The Eagle), 98.9 (The Jet) and 100.7 (The Raven) FM for the latest school district developments and updates.

Respectfully,

Tom Demeo
Superintendent and CEO of Schools