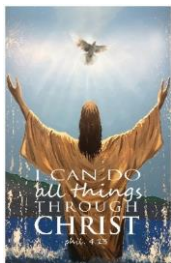




Catholic Independent Schools Kamloops Diocese *Office of the Superintendent*



May 19, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings as we return from this May long weekend. As you may have heard, on Friday, May 15, Premier Horgan announced that BC schools will gradually increase in-class instruction as part of [BC's Restart Plan](#) beginning June 1. As part of this plan for the K-12 educational sector, it was noted that:

The Ministry of Education has a five-stage approach for resuming in-class instruction in a measured way to align with BC's Restart Plan. Each stage will be guided by health and safety guidelines, measures, protocols and orders as well as the principles developed for continuity of learning during the pandemic:

- *Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees*
- *Provide the services needed to support the children of our essential workers (ESWs)*
- *Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance*
- *Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.¹*

Late Friday afternoon (May 15) School Authorities received the awaited detailed documents from the various government Ministries to further assist us in this preparation. The Catholic Independent Schools Kamloops Diocese (CISKD) has begun preparing for this Restart by communicating with the Ministry of Education, the Superintendents of Catholic Independent Schools of British Columbia, the Federation of Independent Schools Association, Worksafe BC, health leads, and our school principals. This week, this information will be processed by our administrative team and the plan for our schools moving into Stage 3 will be finalized, along with enhanced safety protocols for supporting a safe working and learning environment at this time. School administrators will be reaching out to families near the end of this week with further information. Please note that until June 1, the current “continuity of learning” educational opportunities remain in place in our schools.

At this time, I ask for your prayers as school staff begin to plan for the “K-12 Education Restart” in our schools. Thank you for doing all you can to stop the spread of this virus.

In faith, hope and Christian love,

Superintendent of Schools
Catholic Independent Schools Kamloops Diocese

NOTE: Join Minister Rob Fleming in a virtual townhall meeting on Wednesday May 20 at 7:15 pm (PT) to ask questions about BC's Restart Plan and what it means for K-12 education in B.C. This is the next in a series of COVID-19 townhall meetings that are open to the public across the province. Please visit the [COVID-19 Townhalls web page](#) for more information and to submit questions for Minister Fleming in advance.

¹ [Ministry of Education's K-12 Education Restart Plan](#)