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January 28, 2022

Dear Pacer Families,

We hope this letter finds you all well. This week marks the half-way point of the school year as we prepare to start semester 2 on Wednesday. This letter contains new information as well as some important reminders as we transition into the next semester.

We want to thank students and families for their commitment to our enhanced safety protocols since our return to school and for everyone doing their collective part to ensure the impact of the latest variant has minimal effects on our school community. ***We do want to remind parents and students, that we are asking students to come to school with 2 to 3 masks in case one breaks, gets dirty or needs to be replaced.***

In addition to this letter, information regarding general school information can be found on our school website: <https://de.deltasd.bc.ca/>. Please see the important information items below

### **Important Dates:**

<i>January 31 – February 2</i>	<i>“I-Day” / Semester Transition Day</i>
<b>February 3</b>	<b>Start of Semester 2 Classes</b>
February 10	Semester 1 Final Report Cards Published on MyED
February 16	PAC Meeting, 7pm (Zoom)
<i>February 17</i>	<i>Grade 8 – 11 Course Selection Information Night, 6pm (zoom)</i>
February 18	Non-Instructional Day (District Pro-D Day)
<i>February 21</i>	<i>Family Day Statutory Holiday (School Closed)</i>
<i>February 23</i>	<i>Pink Shirt Day</i>
February 24	Grade 7 Course Selection Information Night, 6pm (zoom)

### **Semester 2 Transition – “I-Days:**

Monday to Wednesday (January 31<sup>st</sup> - February 2<sup>nd</sup>) next week have been designated as “I-Days”. These “I-Days” provide additional time for students to complete assignments and assessments pending from the first semester. Teachers will have notified those students who are required to come in during our “I-Days”. Most students will experience these days as a semester break and they will not be required to attend classes. If you have any questions regarding missing work or assignments, please contact your child’s teacher.

### **Semester 1 Report Cards:**

Semester 1 final marks will be released to students and families on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards will be viewable on the MyED student portal as well as on student and parent connect. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s progress, please reach out to the classroom teacher by email.

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## **Semester 2 Student Schedules:**

We are reminding students to view their schedules on MyED and email their counsellor and to make an appointment with their counsellor if they notice an error or have a course request. *Unfortunately we are limited in the number of changes that we can make to a student's schedule due to learning group restrictions and timetable limitations.* School Counsellors are available to provide a number of supports for our Delta Secondary students and families. Please have your child reach out to their Counsellor through email for an appointment

## **February is Black History Month**

Delta School District is proud to celebrate Black History Month. The Learning Services team has curated various resources to help our staff and students celebrate, honour, explore and learn about Black History over the next few weeks and beyond. Please visit the district's [website](#) to access these resources, which include articles, videos and webcasts.

## **Pink Shirt Day February 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Please join us on Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> and wear the colour pink in support of anti-bullying. For more information regarding Pink Shirt Day and the origin of the story, please visit the [Pink Shirt Day website](#). We are encouraging all students to wear pink and help us raise awareness for anti-bullying initiatives and work towards creating a more kind, inclusive world that celebrates diversity and inclusion.

## **Course Selection for the 2022 - 2023 School Year:**

Starting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> Delta Secondary will begin the process of course selection for next school year. Counsellors will be presenting information virtually in students' classes and following up at a later date to address student questions. **Students will complete course selection in MyED between February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Course Information Night:**

Delta Secondary will be offering a course information night for parents and students currently in Grade 8 – 11 on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This virtual presentation will provide an overview of the course options for students to consider for next year as well as address any questions parents may have. A Zoom link has been provided below and any presentation slides from these sessions will be made available on our school website on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Grade 9 Course Selection Presentation:** (For current Grade 8 students)

- **Zoom Link:** <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/2700018757>
- Meeting ID: 270 001 8757
- Passcode: Pacers

## **Grade 10 – 12 Course Selection Presentation:** (For current Grade 9 – 11 students)

- **Zoom Link:** <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/68992896336>
- Meeting ID: 689 9289 6336
- Passcode: Pacers

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We are asking families to please be informed and involved through the course selection process—the courses selected determine what courses and how many sections of each course will be offered next year. We want to ensure students take the time to pick the courses they are interested in and for our senior students, those needed for graduation and program requirements.

If you have any questions regarding course selection, please contact your child's counsellor.

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| • Last Name R – Z               | Ms. Gillis        | <a href="mailto:bgillis@deltaschools.ca">bgillis@deltaschools.ca</a> |
- Ms. Gillis is also our school's Indigenous Support Advocate

### **2022 - 2023 Secondary Futures - Schedule:**

Secondary schools are working with the Delta School District to look at scheduling options (semester or linear), and innovations (Flex Time, Collaboration Days, etc.) to best support student learning, engagement and teachers in the successful delivery of curriculum and instruction for the 2022 – 2023 school year while meeting the requirements prescribed by the Ministry of Education.

Over the next month, our school staff will be participating in discussions and examining evidence to support our decision making. We are currently working with the district to develop an information gathering process that will allow us to gather information from students, parents and school staff. More communication regarding this will be coming out shortly and your thoughts and feedback are appreciated information in the coming months.

### **DSS PAC President Message:**

The DSS "PAC" (Parent Advisory Council) is the official collective voice of the parent community and is made up of all DSS students' parents/guardians. **It is the forum for parents to provide feedback to the school respecting any matter relating to the education of their students.** The DSS PAC has an executive consisting of six positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications and DPAC Rep. They hold seven monthly meetings each school year (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month), which are currently held virtually and include a school update report presented by Principal John Pavão.

**A major role of the PAC is to manage the spending of the BC Gaming grant of approximately \$23,000 (\$20 per student), by budgeting the funds according to teacher wish-lists aimed at enhancing student extracurricular opportunities.** There is no other PAC fundraising done at DSS. **The PAC will need new executive members next year, to fill the openings left by four retiring members. Please consider volunteering one or two hours a month for your child's school!**

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The next PAC meeting is Feb 16 @ 7pm via Zoom and a link will be sent out at a later date. If you have questions, contact DSS PAC Chair Kerri Deane at [kgdeane@telus.net](mailto:kgdeane@telus.net)

### **2022 -2023 Registration:**

Non-Catchment and non-District application forms will be available on the Delta School District website starting February 7<sup>th</sup> with registration closing on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID-19 restrictions all applications and supporting documents will be submitted electronically. For more information visit: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/>

Registration forms **do not** need to be completed by Grade 7 families currently attending a Delta Secondary feeder school (Ladner Elementary, Holly, Hawthorne, Nielsen Grove and Port Guichon). If you have any questions, please contact our Student Data Coordinator, Ms. Oye [ryoe@deltaschools.ca](mailto:ryoe@deltaschools.ca), in the office for more information.

### **COVID information and General Safety Protocols**

With more information regarding the Omicron variant, we ask that you all review the safety information below and the UPDATED Daily Health Check form. These general measures continue to keep our school community safe:

- **Stay home when your child is sick or exhibiting symptoms** (cold, flu, covid)—**please contact the school to notify them of any absence that is illness related**
- **Complete the [Daily Health Check form](#)** with your student before they attend school
- **Wear a properly fitted mask & avoid long face-to-face exposures with others**
- **Physically distance from others** – think 2m apart when interacting with another person
- **Wash and sanitize your hands often** (entering school, a classroom, before eating, etc.)
- **Seek a COVID test as soon as possible after mild symptoms occur.**
- Remember to **“Be kind, be calm, be safe” to others.**

As we bring this first semester to a close, we would like to thank our entire Delta Secondary school community for your continued support during our educational journey this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,  
Principal, Grade 12

Mike Annandale,  
Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11

Maggie Callander,  
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10