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January 7, 2022

Happy New Year Pacer Families,

We hope that you all had a safe holiday break and an opportunity to relax, recharge and spend time together as a family. We wish you continued health, happiness and success as we start a new calendar year.

Since September, we have been moving slowly towards a “familiar normal” as activities and events started to open up. The announcement on December 30th by Dr. Henry of a delayed re-start of school by one week in response to the rising number of COVID-19 cases throughout the province was an unkind reminder that we are not completely through with the pandemic. We still need to be committed, diligent and responsible for our actions around safety protocols, doing our collective part to ensure the impact of the latest variant has minimal effects on our school community.

This past week, administrators and teachers have been working diligently to review safety protocols, implement safety enhancements as well as formulate contingency plans that will ensure a continuity of learning where students will feel connected, supported and have opportunities to successfully demonstrate their learning as we move forward - whether it be in-person or remotely as dictated by the circumstances of the pandemic.

Below you will find detailed information regarding our enhanced safety protocols and procedures. Please make yourself and your child aware of these before Monday. *On our school website next week will be a copy of our DSS Covid Communitive Disease School Plan as well as a copy of the Safety Orientation presentation for students.* On Monday January 10th all students will receive a safety orientation from our classroom teachers and we will use the final few weeks of semester one to review our protocols and make any necessary adjustments to minimize and mitigate the risk of positive exposures occurring in our school.

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:

December 20 – January 3	School Closed for Winter Holiday Break
January 10	School Re-opens (Day 1 – A, B, C, D)
January 19	PAC Meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom)
January 24 – January 28	Provincial Assessments Literacy 10 & Literacy 12
January 27	Last Day of Semester 1 Instruction
January 28	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D Day)
January 31 – February 2	“I-Day” / Semester Transition Day
February 3	Start of Semester 2 Classes
February 10	Semester 1 Final Reports Published

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14-Day Rule for Schools – International (USA) Travel

14-Day Rule for Schools Now that the US border is open for non-essential travel, **please be reminded that unvaccinated or partly-vaccinated students who travel outside of Canada – by land, air or sea - are unable to attend school for 14 days following their return.** *Although unvaccinated children less than 12 years of age who enter Canada with a fully vaccinated parent are not required to quarantine if the child follows all the requirements outlined in the federal travel guidance, they are still subject to several restrictions, which include not attending school, camp or day care for 14 days after arrival.* If you are going to travel internationally during the school year, please coordinate with your teacher and school to ensure your child stays on top of schoolwork while they are away, and for the 14 days following their return.

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 us 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.**

Additional information on enhanced health and safety measures, masks, vaccines and daily health checks was sent out to all families on January 4th. That message from our superintendent can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/01/January-4-Letter-to-Parents-final.pdf>

Safety Protocols & Enhancements (REVISED)

Masks – Required for Students

- Masks are mandatory everywhere within Delta Secondary and are recommended to be worn when outside on school grounds.
- In order for masks to be effective, they need to be worn properly – covering the nose, mouth and chin, fitting snugly around the sides of the face.
- Families are asked to send students with 2 to 3 masks that students have access to in case one breaks, gets dirty or needs to be replaced.
- Reusable masks should be washed after each use. If a mask is disposable, discard it when it is visibly soiled or damaged.

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Lunchtime – Revised Protocols

- Students are welcome inside the school building at lunch and have a choice to eat in:
 - Their period 2 classroom,
 - Seated in the hallway at their locker,
 - in a common area (like the cafeteria) which has reduced seating capacity,
 - Outside (weather permitting) or at home.

- Students must **wear a mask at all times** unless they are eating
- ⊘ **Students must be seated when eating**
- ⊘ **NO eating or drinking while standing up or moving through the school**
- ⊘ **If eating in the classroom, maximum of 2 students per table or 1 student per desk**
 - Once a student has completed their lunch, they have the option to stay in the classroom or walk around the hallways (both situations require a mask)
- ⊘ **If eating in the hallway, you MUST have your back against a wall or locker sitting and facing in the same direction - NO face-to-face eating arrangements, or eating in groups**
- ⊘ Cafeteria will be open to buy lunch items
 - There will be markers **on the floor allowing for spacing in the lineup and safe flow to and from the cafeteria tills.**
 - **There will be limited capacity for seating**, eating or drinking at the cafeteria tables. **No standing will be allowed in the seating area.**
- ⊘ Students may have the option to spend lunch in their period 2 classrooms at the discretion of that teacher.
 - Students **may only be in their own period 2 class** for lunch
- ⊘ Learning Commons will be open at lunch with **limited capacity** and **NO EATING ALLOWED**
- ⊘ The Atrium area will have **limited seating** available during lunch
- ⊘ Students are asked to **respect the limited capacity signs** throughout the building (common areas, washrooms and meeting spaces)

Hallway Etiquette and Movement

- **ALWAYS wear your mask** – masks are required inside Delta Secondary
- **Avoid stopping or congregating in groups in the hallway when moving between classes**
- **Walk along the right side of the hallway** – keep to the right (similar to driving on a road)
- **Enter and exit the school through the nearest doorway to your classroom or locker**

Locker Use

- Students will be able to **access their lockers before school, during lunch break and after school** – **NO locker access during transitions between Period 1 & 2 or Period 3 & 4**

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- Students will need to plan to have their materials for both morning blocks and afternoon blocks as there is only a 5-minute transition between classes.

Entering the School:

Some important information items for start of instruction commencing Monday:

- **Teachers will make their classrooms open and available for students from 8:15am – 8:30am** – this will minimize congregations and gatherings outside the school and in hallways before class starts
- **Students are required to wear their masks upon entering the school** - in our hallways and anytime they are interacting with anyone outside of their learning group.
- When interacting with others, students are encouraged to do their best to **maintain a social distance of 2 metres**
- **Students are required to hand sanitize or wash their hands with soap and water upon entering the school** as well as sanitize their hands when they arrive at their classroom.

January Provincial Assessments:

Provincial Assessments – Numeracy & Literacy

All students prior to graduation as part of the graduation program are required to complete three assessments (Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 & Literacy 12) in addition to the 80 credits (minimum requirement). Mr. Annandale will be communicating with students and sending information to families throughout the year. All grade 10's and any grade 11/12's who have not yet written the specified assessment will be scheduled to write during the sessions below:

- Jan. 24-28 - Literacy 10 & Literacy 12
- Apr. 25-29 - Numeracy 10
- Jun. 13-17 – for any students missing an assessment or requiring a re-write.

Semester 2 Transition:

Reminder that the final day for semester 1 classes will be Thursday January 27th. Friday January 28th is a non-instructional (Pro-D) day with January 31st - February 2nd scheduled as a "Transition Days/I-Days". The "Transition Days" will be used by staff to allow students to complete missing assessments prior to the end of semester 1, and allow teachers and staff prepare for the start of semester 2 starting on February 3rd. Teachers will inform their students closer to the end of the semester regarding their attendance and participation on those days

Semester 2 Student Schedules:

We are asking students to view their schedules on MyED and make an appointment with their counsellor if they notice an error or have a course request.

Over the next two weeks we will be reviewing class rosters and student requests to see where we may be able to accommodate students. *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.*

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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—do not show up to meet your counsellor in person.

- Last Name A – B (C – E) Mr. Lalli (W/R/F) hlalli@deltaschools.ca
- Last Name C – E (A – B) Ms. Keller (M/T) vkeller@deltaschools.ca
- Last Name F – L Ms. Greene sgreene@deltaschools.ca
- Last Name M – Q/International Ms. Rohwer erohwer@deltaschools.ca
- Last Name R – Z Ms. Gillis bgillis@deltaschools.ca
 - Ms. Gillis is also our school's Indigenous Support Advocate

School Athletics & Events – NO Spectators

Athletics will commence starting on January 10. **All practices and home games are required to have NO spectators at this time and until further notice.** Unfortunately, this means we will NOT be able to have any family or friends in the game to watch. *While this is disappointing news for parents and spectators, our student athletes and performers are still permitted to practice, train and compete in their desired activity.* This rule applies to all secondary schools in the Delta School District. If your child is an athlete and they are traveling to schools in another district, they might have different protocols and more information will be shared with our athletes through our Athletic Director Mr. Thompson.

Extra-Curricular events such as school clubs and our Theatre Company will continue to go ahead. These school events also will be spectator free until further notice and we are encouraging clubs for the remainder of semester one to hold meetings virtually as our school works to secure spaces that are large enough for clubs to meet in person for semester two.

Reporting Student Absences—Notify Schools of any Illness Related Absences

Absences should be reported as early as possible on the day of the absence to allow an accurate Parent Advised code to be entered into the system. **To assist us with monitoring our school, any illness related incidents should be called into the school as soon as possible to assist us with our reporting protocols with Fraser Health and the Public Health Office.**

We hope 2022 continues to bring you all health, happiness and prosperity as we look forward to the brighter days ahead. Thank-you to our entire Delta Secondary school community for your continued support as we once again pivot this school 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