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June 11, 2021

Dear Pacer Families & Students,

The school year is quickly coming to an end with 9 school days remaining in Quarter 4. *The last day of regular attendance in classes is Thursday June 24th*. Friday, June 25th is an "I-Day for students to complete missed assignments, projects or assessments and teachers will be communicating with students who need to be in attendance that day. Please encourage your child to continue to be engaged and focused until the end of the Quarter. The final Report Card for Quarter 4 will be published by Tuesday, June 29th.

On Tuesday, June 8th we honoured and recognized our amazing graduating class of 2021 with a combined Red Carpet & Graduation Commencement Event that we were able to share with our graduates and their family members. Photos of our graduates in their formal attire walking the red carpet will be available for viewing next week on our school website. Special thank you to the Delta Secondary staff who volunteered their time and efforts to make it a memorable day for our graduates and their families.

While we highlight the honouring of our graduating class, the start of June was extremely difficult for our community with the report that came out of Kamloops. The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation in Kamloops, B.C., discovered the remains of more than 215 children buried at the site of a former residential school. This report was utterly devastating, and we recognize that this tragedy is far reaching, causing trauma and a wide range of difficult emotions, in particular for the Indigenous members of our community. Our hearts go out to the families of the children, and to all communities closely impacted. As a school, we recognized this tragedy with announcements, staff and students wearing orange shirts, teachers teaching lessons about Residential Schools and Truth and Reconciliation, and a "walk-in" on Thursday, June 3rd to show support to our Indigenous students, families and community.

Jo Chrona has posted a very impactful blog post about Residential Schools and the lasting tragedy it has on Indigenous communities and our community as a whole. She outlines ideas of next steps that we as individuals can take in moving from awareness to action. I encourage families to read this: <https://luudisk.com/2021/06/01/you-ask-what-you-can-do/>

We are certainly trending in the right direction with the decrease in COVID cases. The guidelines for schools remain the same as we currently have under stage 2 of the K-12 Education Restart Plan. The plans and protocols for the community and individuals are not the same as for schools. We recognize that this might be confusing, but schools will continue to follow the protocols that we had in place all year in our attempt to keep students and staff safe at Delta Secondary.

We are hoping to open our doors in September 2021 in stage 1 and we will be in a Semester schedule (four classes at one time) for next year.

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Updated Calendar documents were emailed to families earlier this week and our last letter to families (May 28th) included a copy of our daily schedule and calendar dates for the 2021 – 2022 school year. More information regarding the 2021 -2022 school year and school start-up will be shared with families in our summer newsletter that will go out in late August.

Thank you all for the efforts up until now and your patience through this unprecedented time. Let's continue to meet and exceed the safety standards until we can all be safe. We are down the homestretch of our school year! Please see the important information items and reminders below:

Upcoming Events:

June 18	Outstanding Fee Letters sent to families
June 24	Last Day of Quarter 4 In-person Instruction
June 25	Transition/"I-Day" (no classes in-session)
June 25	"Awards Day Celebrations" (more information to come later)
June 25	Yearbook Distribution (more information to come later)
June 29	Quarter 4 Final Report Cards on MyED/Connect

Vision 2030:

From now until the end of June, we encourage you to be a VISIONARY HERO. We hope to get as many voices as possible in the conversation about how we will shape our future together. Here are a few ways you can add your voice:

1. Parents - Participate in our parent survey (deadline June 11)
<https://wsurveys.com/DeltaVision2030Parent/>
2. Students - Participate in our student survey (deadline June 8)
<https://wsurveys.com/DeltaVision2030Student/>
4. Everyone - Post on the Kudoboard
<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/XxehA2pf>
5. Everyone - Send us an email with your thoughts to ctucker@deltaschools.ca

Summer Learning in the Classroom is Back: (Summer School)

The Delta School District is once again offering a variety of courses for students residing in Delta in grades 8 – 12 this summer. To view what is available please go to our Summer Learning page here:

- <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-school-registration/>

COVID Update:

On May 25, the Government launched a restart plan to safely bring people back together. Learn more here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0037-001008>. This is extremely welcome news, but to help keep COVID-19 cases low, we must all continue to follow the recommendations from the PHO.

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A quick reminder that Fraser Health and the Provincial Health Officer set the protocols for us to follow as a school. Please keep yourself up to date. Changes are constantly happening depending on the information that they have. Keep safe and well.

NEW FRASER HEALTH CONTACT NUMBER:

The Fraser Health Authority has now created a dedicated telephone line for the school COVID-related inquiries. **The new number to call for advice regarding COVID-19 symptoms is 604-587-4769.** This number replaces 8-1-1 for COVID-related advice.

Collection Sample Kits in Schools:

Recently, our school received collection sample kits to help make testing for COVID-19 easier and faster for students and their families. The kits come with detailed instructions for parents on how to collect the sample. Samples are to be taken at home and dropped off at a Life Labs location within 24 hours, not at the school.

The collection sample kits will be given to any student that starts to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms while at school if the parent/guardian wants one. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at a Life Labs location in a timely manner, or some parents may prefer to take their child to a testing location.

All parents are encouraged to continue to monitor their children daily for COVID-19-like symptoms using the [Daily Health Check](#), and to keep them home if they show signs of illness.

Informing the School of COVID-Related Health Issues:

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols, or a self-isolation notice related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact the school to inform us. We would like to centralize the collection of this information so that we can effectively follow up as necessary in an effort to keep our community safe. Please call 604-946-4194 or email deltasecondary@deltasd.bc.ca

Thank you to our entire Pacer school community for your continued support. Please contact the school if you have any questions. Continue to stay healthy and well!

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
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Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10

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Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11