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June 25, 2020

Dear Pacer Parents and Students,

Thank you for all your support and care during this pandemic. In a year of many pivots and changes, our students, staff and families have shown tremendous resilience and perseverance as we navigated the quarter system, learning cohorts, hybrid classes, and virtual meetings. Your support of our safety protocols, understanding of our decisions around scheduling and schooling have been greatly appreciated. You should all be very proud of how resilient your children are, how resilient and creative our teachers have been, and how flexible and patient you have been this year and the past 18 months, and the care we have shown one another while finding ways to remain connected and build community. The lessons learned around perseverance, compassion and adaptability will serve our students well as they move through their young lives into adulthood. I am so proud of this school and our Pacer community—we truly are **#ladnerstrong** and have a lot of **#pacerpride**.

We would like to once again congratulate the graduating class of 2021. They truly are a special group of individuals and we wish them all the best as they begin the next chapters of their lives. We are looking forward to our Virtual Commencement Premiere tonight (June 25th) and hope you all have special plans to celebrate your achievements with family and friends.

With the end of a school year, we also want to recognize and acknowledge the following staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Thank you for all your efforts this year and best wishes in September at your new schools:

Leaving Support Staff & Educational Assistants:

Ms. Napilli Anderson, EA - Life Skills	Ms. Gurpreet Samra, EA - Life Skills
Mr. Daniel Buonanno, EA - Focus	Ms. Diljot Gill, EA - Focus
Mr. David Cheetham, EA - Focus	Ms. Christine Saunders, EA - Grad Quest
Ms. Emma Hall, EA - Grad Quest	Rosanna Singh, EA - Grad Quest
Ms. Mirabel Karmazyn, EA – LA/LD	Ms. Sue Dotto, EA – LA/LD
Ms. Elaine Husdon, EA – SLP	Ms. Dee Stacey, CYCW – Student Services

Leaving Teaching Staff:

Mr. Mohsin Omar, Sciences	Ms. Simrat Mann, Career Education
Ms. Bria Di Nunzio, Physical Education	Mr. Connor Knickerbocker, Culinary Arts
Ms. Rachel Chang, English & Social Studies	Mr. Justin Woo, Learning Assistance
Ms. Kate Prefontaine, English & Social Studies	

Staff Retirements:

Mr. Axel Rechlin, Languages	Ms. Andrea Mahara, Languages
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We also want to congratulate our retiring teachers Mr. Axel Rechlin and Ms. Andrea Mahara, both teachers in our Languages department, who will be starting their new chapters as retirees come September. We want to thank them for their dedication, professionalism and care during their many years at Delta Secondary and for all their contributions to enrich the lives and learning experiences for students and staff. Congratulations and best wishes on a Happy Retirement Mr. Rechlin and Ms. Mahara!

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In our final newsletter home for the 2020-2021 school year, we ask that you please see the important information items and reminders below:

September 2021:

School's will reopen Tuesday September 7th to welcome our new students and all of our returning Pacers. We anticipate hearing more details from the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Office over the summer and are anticipating a fairly normal "first day of school" where students will receive schedules and information to set them up for the school year. We will update you as soon as we are able to. Please check out our website and look out for emails from the school in late August for more information.

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks were distributed today. If a student was unable to pick up a yearbook, students may come by the school June 28th or June 29th. If those dates, do not work, please contact the office as and arrange a time between July 5 – 9^h before we close down for the summer. Students cannot pick up for other students. Also, all student fees must be paid up in full and all textbooks returned in order for you to collect a book.

Report Cards:

Report Cards will be available on Tuesday June 29th for students on MyED as well as on Student/Parent Connect. If you have any questions about marks please contact the teachers via email.

School Hours (Summer Hours):

For the summer months, our school office will be open from 8:00am – 2:00pm and we ask that you please call ahead as we will have a limited staff. Our school office will be closed from July 12th – August 20th for summer vacation and reopening August 23rd.

Summer Learning (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/>

On behalf of the administration and staff at Delta Secondary, we hope you all have a wonderful summer. We hope your holiday break is a restful and relaxing one and that you and your families have the opportunity for fun and adventure. Please continue to "be kind, be calm, and be safe" this summer. We look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Take care,

John Pavão,
Principal, Grade 22

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10

Maggie Callander,
Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11