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Dear Glenwood Families and Students:

I hope this letter finds each of you doing well in these uncertain times.

While each teacher will use a variety of approaches to connect with learners, I am writing to update you on some common elements that you can expect as we move forward. By now you will have already connected with your teacher and students will have started gradually on their continued learning. I have heard from our school staff and from some of you how much it has meant to you to reconnect with teachers and others.

Schools are a vital part of our communities and we know that the suspension of in-class instruction, along with so many other significant changes to our lives, has impacted you deeply. Our school staff are finding ways to build community outside of the walls of our school, as well as to provide students with some sense of normalcy, routine, and continued learning opportunities that keep them engaged in their own education.

LEARNING FROM HOME: WHAT TO EXPECT

Learning opportunities will not be a direct replacement for in-classroom learning. While the plans that have been developed will look different depending on the age group and student's individual needs, generally, here is what can be expected.

Kindergarten-Grade 3: Teachers will focus on literacy and numeracy foundations. Teachers will assign approximately **5 hours of work a week** (about an hour a day). They will work with families to deliver these materials digitally or in paper packages.

Grades 4-7: Education content will focus on the core competencies and mathematics, language/literacy, science and social studies curriculum outcomes. Teachers will assign approximately **8 hours of work a week at the grade 4/5 level** and approximately **10 hours a week at the grade 6/7 level**. These are only guidelines and once we have our systems established times may increase to include "Flexible Learning" to be done on a Flexible Timeframe such as ADST, Music, Outdoor Activities, etc. Teachers will work with families to deliver these materials either digitally or physically.

Report Cards: All students will receive a report card based on where they were at prior to spring break plus the learning opportunities they're engaging in at home.

Moving to the Next Grade and Graduation: When Minister of Education Rob Fleming announced the suspension of all K-12 in-class instruction on March 17, he assured families about movement to the next grade, graduation, and what's being done to support transition to post-secondary. You can see Minister Fleming's full letter to students and families [here](#).

Professional Development Days: The Professional development days scheduled for our school and the district will continue to be non-instructional days for students.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We know that parents are busy and face their own unique pressures during these uncertain times. There is no expectation that parents will do the job of teachers. We have always valued the partnership between educators and parents/caregivers and we encourage you to engage in your child's learning as much or as little as suits your family.

If the tasks assigned by teachers are taking much longer for your child than the suggested time guidelines above, please let the teacher know.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Burnaby School District's [Continuing Learning Website](#) contains resources and self-directed learning activities across a wide variety of subject areas.

The Ministry of Education's [Keep Learning Website](#) provides learning and other resources for students and families.

Resources to support families, curated links and updates can be found on the [Burnaby School District's website](#), which is regularly updated.

QUESTIONS

You can find answers to many questions in a Frequently Asked Question document prepared by and continuously updated by the Ministry of Education [here](#).

As you have questions about your own student's learning, please know that your child's teacher(s) and I are available to help.

If the complexity in your life has you needing support, there is much we can do to assist and/or connect you with the right resources. Life has changed, but what hasn't is our desire to help. If you have questions, I encourage you to reach out to one of the school staff or me.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

Your child's teacher and/or I will continue to update you as we move forward.

As we embrace this style of teaching, we will be learning and growing together. No doubt there will be both successes and bumps along the way as we all adjust. School staff and I are appreciative of your understanding and partnership, as we create a new culture of learning, build on our successes, and together support all of our students.

Take good care of yourself and your families.

Stay well,
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