



June 5th 2020

BDDEC Parents & Guardians:

I hope everyone is safe, practicing physical distancing and enjoying the warming weather here in the Beaufort Delta region. We wanted to take a moment to update you. Planning for re-entry into schools in the fall is ongoing, with ECE and BDDEC actively working together on a coordinated, system-wide approach for the upcoming school year. This planning follows the detailed criteria provided by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO) on how to safely reopen schools.

How education is delivered will be different for each school and community, based on factors such as school size and layout, access to technology, and the number and ages of students and staff. It is likely that individual schools will be adjusting student transportation, food programs and even scheduling, depending on their ability to accommodate the public health recommendations.

Education leaders have agreed on the following priorities for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Maintaining the health and safety of students, staff and communities
- Starting the school year on time
- Maximizing in-person learning, to the extent possible
- Seeking equity across regions
- Maintaining financial supports to schools

We have submitted individual and district plans to the OCPHO. Education bodies will be taking a flexible approach in their planning to account for a potential second wave of COVID-19 in the fall of 2020, which could require a return to increased public health restrictions. We will working closely with our DEC and local DEA's to ensure communication about individual school plans are clear. We will update you more as individual schools plans have been approved by the OCPHO.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the district office 867-777-2332 ext: 506 or email at frankg@bdec.nt.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Galway".

Frank Galway Superintendent

Beaufort Delta Divisional Education Council