

July 28, 2020

Dear Families,

We are pleased to send this mid-summer update to you with important information relating to the upcoming school year. Please continue to visit our website regularly at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) for updates and resources. We remain committed to providing our families with as much information as possible as we continue to plan for our return to school.

### **RETURN TO LEARNING PLAN / CONFIRMATION OF INTENTIONS SURVEY**

We await final direction from the Ministry of Education about the return to learning plan, which will be one of three possibilities:

1. A return to conventional school, with health & safety enhancements
2. An adapted delivery model
3. Virtual learning model

We need to ensure that we are fully prepared to take the next steps towards the implementation of our plans immediately following this week's anticipated announcement. As such, we really need your cooperation in completing a survey to confirm your intentions for your child's return to school. Please click on the link below to complete a survey for each child in your home who is registered to attend an NCDSB school in September.

#### **Elementary Students Survey**

<https://forms.gle/xq95ci3FSCEi7uhG6>

#### **Secondary Students Survey (O'Gorman High School and ACCESS)**

<https://forms.gle/JFPK1gjs01X8RmdUA>

#### **SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2020-2021**

As well, earlier this month we had to reconsider our school year calendars for ministry approval. One requirement was to place three (3) consecutive Professional Activity Days at the start of the school year, before our students might return to school. These days will be dedicated to staff training, learning, and planning for a safe re-entry to school.

**As a result, the first day of school for students is now confirmed:**

Bishop Belleau School (Moosonee) **MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020**

All Other NCDSB Schools **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

Again, more details about the first day of school are forthcoming, only once we have confirmation of our students' return to learning plan. Copies of school year calendar are available on our website.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and for your prompt action in completing the survey. We will be in touch again soon with more information and updates.

Stay safe, stay well, and continue to take good care of each other.

Sincerely,

Tricia Stefanic Weltz  
Director of Education