

June 18th, 2020

Dear Parents,

I wanted to contact you one last time before we wrap up the school year. While our June ‘Stage Three’ has gone well, I am sure many of you are wondering about what September will bring. A reminder that the Ministry of Education has established a five-stage plan for education during the pandemic:

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	STAGE 5
SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS 100%	SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS K-7: 100% Grade 8-12: 40%	SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS K-5: 50% Gr. 6-12: 20%	SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS K-12: 20%	SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS K-12: 0%
In-class instruction: K-12: 5 day per week	In-class instruction: K-7: 5 days per week Grade 8-12: 2 days per week ----- 5 days per week available for: ✓ Children of essential service workers ✓ Students with disabilities/ diverse abilities ✓ Students who require additional supports ----- Remote/online instruction: Balance of learning	In-class instruction: K-5: 2 to 3 days per week Gr. 6-7: 1 day per week Gr 8-12: 1 day per week ----- 5 days per week available for: ✓ Children of essential service workers ✓ Students with disabilities/ diverse abilities ✓ Students who require additional supports ----- Remote/online instruction: Parent/Guardian choice to return to in-class instruction optional Balance of learning	In-class instruction: K-12: Limited ----- 5 days per week available for: ✓ Children of essential service workers ✓ Students with disabilities/ diverse abilities ✓ Students who require additional supports ----- Remote/online instruction: K-12: Majority of all students	In-class instruction: K-12: None ----- Suspend all in-class instruction for all grades and students ----- Remote/online instruction: K-12: All Students

While I have no crystal ball, if current low levels of Covid-19 infections continue over the summer, we will most likely be in a ‘Stage One’ or ‘Stage Two’ in September. Stage One is essentially full-time school for all students, and Stage Two is full time K-7 and part time in person for 8-12 students. We are hopeful we will have direction from the Ministry in mid to late August. With that in mind, please look for further announcements on our website and social media in that time period. While we are continually refining our model, if school is part time we will continue to offer additional supports for students with diverse learning needs and families of ESWs.

We certainly hope that all of next year will be at Stage One, but if we are realistic there is the likely possibility that the province may cycle through the various stages during the year. Mission teachers have demonstrated tremendous flexibility and innovation during the last three months, and I know this will continue next year as necessary. Students and staff have already demonstrated how remarkable and resilient they are, and I am confident we can all adjust next year as needed.

We look forward to welcoming your children and you back to our school community in the fall. In the meantime, I hope all of you have a wonderful and positive summer with your children and focus on all the good that we can see in the world. You can email me anytime with your questions at angus.wilson@mpsd.ca. Please stay healthy and stay safe.

Sincerely,



Angus Wilson
Superintendent of Schools