

Hello All:

UPDATE: August 4, 2020

A huge shout out to all our members! **“THANK YOU ALL, everyone is doing and has done a phenomenal job getting us through June and moving into September will be no different.”** We all deserve kudos for the work we have done to contribute to a successful partial opening on June 1st with only a few glitches that needed to be worked out. If we continue with good communication, along with flexibility and our ability to adapt we will be able to get through the next few months successfully as well.

I know that it is way easier said than done but please remain calm, be patient and enjoy the rest of your summer if you can. We have had Dr. Henry leading us through this pandemic and we have been successful so far with keeping our numbers low in BC. I would love to be able to tell everyone not to listen or at least limit any media or other information regarding the COVID – 19 noise for your own sense of mind but unfortunately, I cannot. I can suggest it though :0).

I am sure everyone has heard by now that we will be moving into Stage 2 of BC’s reopening plan on September 8th. What does this mean exactly well we do not know what it will look like and it is too early to tell but we will be part of the collaborations as we have been all along with our district. These decisions are being made at the provincial level with collaboration from the Minister of Education and Dr. Bonnie Henry’s team. We have no control over the decision for the reopening, but we do have input on what it will look like in our district as for the health and safety of our members. We have been a leading district in BC with health and safety being of the utmost importance. We have been flexible and been able to adapt with the working documents. Communication will be key for us to move forward and have a successful startup in September for all staff and students.

We must follow the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCDCD) and the Provincial Health Officer’s (PHO) protocols and guidelines for the reopening plan. I have attached the link for the BCCDC Website below for easy access for you. All districts must make the reopening plan work with the unique needs of their district and the plans need to be to the ministry and posted by August 26th, 2020.

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf

#14 and #15 Bulletins and FAQ’s from the Provincial Table:



July 10 K-12 Bulletin
14 Restart.pdf



15 Bulletin July 29
Full school.pdf



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07_31_2020.pdf

I have a virtual meeting with the provincial table later today (August 4th) and will provide more information than if there is anything new to share. I will also be meeting with Tom later this week for any updates that he may be able to provide. We will get through this together and please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell 250-898-7709 or leave a message at the office 250-338-2447 with questions.

In Solidarity, Denise Bullock, President CUPE Local 439