



NORTH DELTA SECONDARY

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We hope that you and your family are well and that your student(s) are adjusting to remote learning. We recognize that these are challenging times and we want you to know that the staff at North Delta are thinking about you. Earlier this week, the staff collaborated on a short video that we hope you will take a couple of minutes to view on the North Delta YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrqIfPpU9Ik>

We understand that the current learning environment does not replicate the experience students had when they were in classrooms with a teacher guiding the lessons. Our staff is working to balance their expectations of students in this teaching and learning environment where we know students and families are at different places regarding their readiness to learn. Our staff has been working on connecting weekly with students and an internal process has been developed to connect with students who have not connected with their teachers. We are able to support students who are struggling to access technology necessary to participate in an online environment. Please contact the school if your student requires support from the school in order to access technology. As a school and district, we are also able to support families who are in vulnerable situations, by providing for basic needs, such as food. If you and your family require support in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to help.

We understand that parents are being placed in a role of guiding their child's education. Some parents are available and comfortable in doing so, while for others this is extremely challenging. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers, counsellors and the administration for assistance in supporting your student's learning.

The remainder of this letter contains very important information regarding:

- Return to School (please read below)
- Purchasing of Yearbooks
- Schedule for Learning
- Expectations for Students
- Counselling Support
- Digital Citizenship Sessions

Return to School:

Dr. Bonnie Henry, Public Health Officer, has been reporting that in-school classes MAY start up again in some **limited** capacity in late-May or early June. Although this announcement is encouraging, it is important to remember that any return to school for students and staff will be planned in a way that maintains a healthy and safe environment for everyone. At this time, please temper your expectations regarding Dr. Henry's announcement as there will need to be a considerable amount of planning to setup schools for the return of students and staff.

Purchasing of Yearbooks

Ms. Burnett and her team of Yearbook students have once again invested an incredible amount of time and effort throughout the year to produce a fabulous yearbook. For many students, the yearbook is a keepsake that documents many fond memories from the school year. Unfortunately, students who had plans to purchase a yearbook when school was scheduled to resume after Spring Break have not been able to do so. In order to provide the opportunity for students who have not already done so to purchase a yearbook, the school is conducting a ['Flash Sale' from April 27 at 8:30am until April 30 at Noon. Students who wish to order a yearbook, must phone the school during regular office hour \(8:30am – 3:00pm\) to place their order.](#) The \$50 charge for the yearbook will be added to each student's fee assessment on Student/Parent Connect. Late orders will not be accepted. It is important to remember that only students who have resolved all outstanding student fees will receive their yearbooks.

Schedule for Learning

Students should expect learning activities to be shared with them by their teachers according to the schedule below. Should students have questions or require clarification about any learning activities, they are encouraged to contact their teacher on any day. On most Fridays, teachers may designate 'office hours' during which a student can contact a teacher for individualized support. Students who regularly receive support from a Learning Support Teacher or Educational Assistant are encouraged to contact these individuals on any day to access assistance with learning activities.

Schedule for April 27 – May 1

Mon, Apr 27	Tues, Apr 28	Wed, Apr 29	Thurs, Apr 30	Fri, May 1
Blocks A/ A1/A2	Blocks B/B1/B2	Blocks C/C1/C2	Blocks D /D1 /D2	'X' Block, Office Hours, General Support

Schedule for May 4 – May 8

Mon, May 4	Tues, May 5	Wed, May 6	Thurs, May 7	Fri, May 8
Blocks A/A1/A2	Blocks B/B1/B2	Blocks C/C1/C2	Blocks D/D1/D2, 'X' Block	'X' Block, Office Hours, General Support

Student Expectations during Remote Learning

As students and staff continue forward with remote learning, it is important that students are aware of the following expectations:

- Students are strongly encouraged to check their DeltaLearns accounts daily.
- Students should be responding to each of their teachers at a minimum of one time each week. 'Responding' means sending something back to your teachers (eg. submitting assignments, sending email messages, phone conversations, etc.)
- Students are strongly encouraged to contact their teachers more than one time each week as necessary.
- Students are expected to engage in a meaningful way in the learning tasks that are shared out by teachers. Performance on these tasks will be reflected in the June Report Card.

In instances where students are not meeting these expectations, students and parents will be contacted by a teacher, counsellor or administrator to offer guidance.

Access to Counselling Support

Students and families who would like to speak with a counsellor should email the appropriate counsellor and request that the counsellor contact them by phone. Students should contact the appropriate counsellor as listed below:

Ms. S. Sharma:	Grade 8, Grade 11 A -I, Grade 12 A-F
Ms. A. Kaila:	Grade 9, Grade 11 J-O, Grade 12 G-O
Ms. F. Cipriano:	Grade 10, Grade 11 P-Z , Grade 12 P-Z

Digital Citizenship Sessions for Students & Parents

Safer Schools Together is offering students and parents FREE online training sessions to support families during this time of remote learning. Families who are interested are encourage to view information posted the Safer Schools Together website.

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/news-events/remote-trainings/>

We recognize that these are challenging times for students and families. As a school, we will continue to support students and families in their health, well-being and learning. Please contact the school if you require assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Akune, Principal Grade 12

Mr. K. Dalgetty, Vice-Principal Grade 8, 10

Mr. B. Scarr, Vice-Principal Grade 9, 11