



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 will continue to support students and families to the best of our ability.

Students who are struggling to access the technology necessary to participate in remote learning should contact the school. The school is able to loan technology to students so that they are able to engage in learning.

The school and district is 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:

- Schedule for Learning
- Expectations for Students
- Counselling Support
- Recognition of Grade 12 Students
- Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey

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. Please note that because Friday, May 15 is a Professional Development Day

students should not expect staff to be sharing learning opportunities or to be available for additional 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, Office Hours, General Support

Schedule for May 11 – May 15

Mon, May 11	Tues, May 12	Wed, May 13	Thurs, May 14	Fri, May 15
Blocks A/A1/A2	Blocks B/B1/B2	Blocks C/C1/C2	Blocks D/D1/D2, 'X' Block	Pro-D

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

Recognition of Grade 12 Students

As a result of the direction of the Provincial Health Officer regarding large gatherings, the Grad Banquet and Valedictory Ceremony will not take place. Since it is difficult to predict the parameters for gatherings that will be in place later in the school year, staff is exploring a variety of ways in which Grade 12 students can be recognized for their achievements.

Grad Gowns

Despite the uncertainty about how Grade 12 students will be recognized, we understand that some students will want to have a grad 'cap and gown' so that they can take pictures with family members. Since the deadline for the school to order caps and gowns is quickly approaching, [students who wish to order a cap and gown must do so by Tuesday, May 5 at 3:00pm by using the NDSS Grade 12 Recognition Form](#). The cost of the cap and gown is \$25. The \$35 Grad Fee that was assessed in October includes the cost of the cap and gown. There is no additional charge to students who already paid their Grad Fee. If you wish to order a gown and have not yet paid your grad fee, the cost of the gown will be added to your fee assessment on Student/Parent Connect.

Grade 12 Graduation Comments

Although it has yet to be determined how we will recognize Grade 12 students in June, we would like all Grade 12 students to submit a comment so that they can be included in any form of Grade 12 recognition that takes place.

Grade 12 students are asked to place their [gown orders](#) and submit their [Grade 12 comments](#) using the NDSS Grade 12 Recognition Form. <https://bit.ly/2W6Fa4W>

Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey

While classes are suspended until further notice, students can access and complete the survey from home using the link below. Students' logon code remains their unique 9-digit PEN. Students can find their PEN by looking it up on Student Connect. The Student Learning Survey provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The survey is a source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents/guardians, and school staff. Schools and districts use the survey results to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

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

