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Dear Families, Students and Staff:

As we approach the start of the new school year, I'm reaching out as I recognize that in times of uncertainty there is an appreciation for information. I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. It has been exceedingly difficult for people with all the struggles brought by COVID-19 and beyond. Many local and international worries may be weighing heavily on your minds.

In [my last letter](#) to you on June 17, I shared that based on the announcement by the Minister of Education and the Provincial Health Officer, we were planning for the 2021-22 school year to be much closer to normal, with students attending in-person at school full time. While we continue to plan on that basis, we anticipate that the Government of BC will provide updated information next week. Once we receive and review that information, we will reach out to you as quickly as possible in advance of school starting on September 7. We will also continue to post updates on our website: www.burnabyschools.ca.

I want to reassure you that we remain deeply committed to continuing to prioritize health and safety. We will strictly implement the protocols and guidelines provided and led by public health and the Ministry of Education.

It is with sincere appreciation that I thank you for your patience and support, as we work hard to ensure a smooth and safe return to school. I am very much looking forward to welcoming students, families, and staff to the 2021-22 school year.

I hope that you have been able to make the most of this unusual summer.

Wishing you all the very best,

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent