



GEORGE ELLIOT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Hello GESS parents and community members,

As we're sure you are all aware, Dr. Bonnie Henry (Provincial Health Officer) and Rob Fleming (Minister of Education) have stated that schools are safe to re-open at Stage 2 in September. This Provincial goal means that students will have access to full in-class instruction and will return to classrooms for orientation beginning Thursday, Sept. 10.

The new parameters we are working under have necessitated many changes as to how we will operate at GESS this year. Students are to be placed into learning group cohorts and we have had to make a significant timetable change to allow for this. This problem is not unique to George Elliot, it has become necessary throughout our District and across the province. We have also been actively meeting with our various stakeholder groups as we plan and problem solve. This has been a fluid process that is still unfolding as we work towards a safe opening.

The primary purpose of this message is to open communication to families and make you aware of a number of messages to watch for next week. These will provide lots of information for you including details on how our learning group cohorts will work, how our timetable will run, the various safety parameters we have established, etc.

We recognize that uncertainty is stressful for students and families and are working hard to provide information for you in a timely manner. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through the challenges presented to us.

Please enjoy the coming weekend and stay safe!

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