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Information for Students and Parents

The current TENTATIVE plan is for schools to open on Tuesday, September 23 for a full day (see exceptions below). There will gradual entry for Kindergarten students, as advised by each school. Updates at www.sd68.bc.ca

Exceptions are noted below:

- **Dover Bay Secondary** – 8:30 a.m. start for Grades 9 - 12 with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.; 12:10 p.m. start for Grade 8 with 3 p.m. dismissal.
- **John Barsby Community Secondary** – 9 a.m. start for Grades 9 - 12 with dismissal at 11:05 a.m.; 11:45 a.m. start for Grade 8 with dismissal at 3 p.m.
- **Ladysmith Secondary** – 8:30 a.m. start for Grades 9 - 12 with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.; 12:15 p.m. start for Grades 7 and 8 with dismissal at 3 p.m.
- **NDSS** – 8:35 a.m. start for Grades 9 - 12 with dismissal at 11:35 a.m.; 12:15 p.m. start for Grade 8 with dismissal at 3 p.m.
- **Wellington Secondary** – 8:30 a.m. start for Grades 9 - 12 with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.; 12:10 p.m. start for Grade 8 with dismissal at 3 p.m.
- **Woodlands Secondary** – 8:30 a.m. start for Grades 9 - 12 with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.; 12:10 p.m. start for Grade 8 with dismissal at 3 p.m.

Detailed bus route information is available at www.sd68.bc.ca/About/busroutes.asp, at your school or the District Transportation Department at 250 741-5214.

School Start-up

Students not previously registered are asked to register with the school of attendance as soon as possible. The start-up process takes some time and classes may not be finalized until several days after the start of the term. Schools appreciate parents' and students' understanding and cooperation.

Programs to Note

French Immersion is available at the following schools:

- Hammond Bay (K-7) - 250 758-5711
- North Oyster (K-7) - 250 245-3330
- Pauline Haarer (K-7) - 250 754-2722
- Quarterway (K-7) - 250 754-6845
- NDSS (8-12) - 250 740-2000

Learning Alternatives Call to register for information/testing session 250 740-2000.

For information about the **Career Technical Centre** programs call 250 740-2032.

Learn@Home Program, Kindergarten to Grade 7 (located at Departure Bay Elementary School). Phone 250 751-2197 for registration.

For information about the **Learn@Home 8-12 Program** call 250 740-2000 or visit www.netvibes.com/learnathome.

If your child has First Nations, Inuit or Métis ancestry, please ensure that you indicate this when registering for school. The Ministry of Education provides additional funding for school districts to support district-wide **Aboriginal Education**. For more information call 250 741-5318.

Parents of new students in need of special help should register at their neighbourhood school. **Support services** will be arranged in consultation with the Department of Learning Services.

Parents of new **English as a Second Language** students should register at their neighbourhood school.

School District 68 accepts fee-paying **international students**. Call 250 751-0197 for more information.

Parents of preschool-aged children are encouraged to attend **StrongStart Early Learning Centres**. To find out locations and times visit www.sd68.bc.ca/EarlyYears.

Need more information?

Call a school (listed on the next page) or the School District Administration Centre at 250 754-5521. District information is also available at www.sd68.bc.ca.

