



Bluewater District School Board

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

With the start of the 2020 – 2021 school year quickly approaching, I am reaching out to share with you some new developments in our planning for the safe return of students and staff to our schools.

The Ministry of Education has provided school boards across the province with the option of offering a staggered entry. In Bluewater District School Board, we will be utilizing this opportunity by staggering our entry to help ensure a smooth transition for students and staff as our schools reopen after several months of closure.

The following chart outlines the days that students will be attending school during the week of September 8, 2020. For example, the first day of school for JK/SK and Grade 9 students will be September 8, Primary and Grade 10 students will begin on September 9, and so on.

	Tuesday, September 8	Wednesday, September 9	Thursday, September 10	Friday, September 11
Elementary	JK/SK Students	JK/SK Students Primary: Grades 1, 2, and 3	JK/SK Students Primary: Grades 1, 2, and 3 Junior: Grades 4, 5, and 6	JK/SK Students Primary: Grades 1, 2, and 3 Junior: Grades 4, 5, and 6 Intermediate: Grades 7 and 8
Secondary	Grade 9 Day 1/Period 1	Grade 9 Grade 10 Day 2/Period 2	Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11 Day 1/Period 1	Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11 Grade 12+ Day 2/Period 2

**Students in self-contained classrooms (Special Education) may attend every day.*

Remote learning will commence on **Friday, September 11, 2020** for families who have selected this option.

If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please feel free to reach out to your child's school on or after August 24, 2020.

I would also like to remind you that we are continually updating the 'return to school' Q and A on our website at www.bwdsb.on.ca/Parents/Return_to_School as new details become known in our ongoing planning. Any additional questions you may have related to the Q and A can be directed to our

dedicated email account, ReturnToSchool@bwdsb.on.ca, where a member of our planning team will follow up with you as soon as they can.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and support as we prepare for a safe return to school in September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Lori Wilder". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Lori" and last name "Wilder" clearly distinguishable.

Lori Wilder
Director of Education