

# WSÁNEĆ SCHOOL BOARD

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Dear Parents and Families,

The Provincial Government announced that students in B.C. will return to in-class learning on September 10, 2020. The Ministry of Education will be grouping Public School students into defined cohorts at each school level.

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) recently released a statement that First Nation independent schools are exempt from the requirements, to fully open and submit a planning template to the Ministry of Education. It was also made clear that First Nations have the authority to Self-Govern and provide an Educational Restart Plan that supports local circumstances.

The WSÁNEĆ School Board of Directors held a duly convened meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 to discuss a Restart Plan for September. The Board of Directors hold the health and safety of students, staff and the WSÁNEĆ community as the highest priority. The WSÁNEĆ School Board will be offering remote learning for ŁÁU, WELNEW Tribal School, WSÁNEĆ Leadership Secondary School, and Saanich Adult Education Centre, starting on **Thursday, September 10, 2020**. The WSÁNEĆ Leadership Secondary School and Saanich Adult Education Centre will also be providing 1-2 days a week of outdoor education for their students.

The WSÁNEĆ School Board will continue to stay informed on current COVID-19 health and safety recommendations from the Ministry of Health and the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). The WSÁNEĆ School Board will remain working diligently on COVID-19 Policies and Procedures to welcome students back to the classrooms, when it is safe to do so.

Please reach out to the ŁÁU, WELNEW Tribal School, WSÁNEĆ Leadership Secondary School, or the Saanich Adult Education Centre Principal or Director, if you have questions regarding educational programming for September. Further communication will be posted to the WSÁNEĆ School Board website and social media pages.

The WSÁNEĆ School Board wishes you continued health and safety.

Sincerely,  
**WSÁNEĆ SCHOOL BOARD**

Curtis Olsen  
Administrator