



June 7, 2020

Dear Parents &/or Guardians:

Behind the Scenes at Ferris—Seismic This is just information for you—no action needed or impacts directly on your children at this time, -- there will be some TTOCs in to cover teachers on-site. If we require some students to move to another space the last week you will be informed directly by the classroom teacher.

June is a big month for our seismic readiness as July/August will be full steam ahead to finish our seismic upgrade. Staff will work around their other duties (teaching/report cards/class placements for September, etc.) to pack up or unpack.



We have asked so much of our Ferris staff this year to support our seismic upgrade and especially this third term with a shift in teaching/learning--twice. They have met every new challenge by working extremely hard! They have adopted new ways of teaching, new ways of working together (Health and Safety Protocols), made adjustments in reporting for term 3, and now for our Ferris School the final seismic push for July is adding more to their plate.

We could not ask for a more professional and dedicated group, and as we move into the next few weeks we ask for your understanding and support.

The following classrooms/teachers will be impacted in the following ways:

June 15—19th:

- 1) **Teachers** (Ms. Rice, Ms. Oye, Ms. Johal, Ms. Gall) **who currently have classrooms in the Portables** are packing those up this coming week to get ready for movers who arrive **Monday June 15th**. Teachers who are on-site will receive support from TTOC if available or they may require a reduction in online learning as they focus on packing up. They will use a combination of their own time/release time and in some cases online may be reduced and those teachers will communicate with you directly.
- 2) **Construction for Phase 5** is moving toward completion for next Wednesday **June 18, 2020**. Teachers will have boxed items **moved back and will be setting up in the new spaces** (Band, Resource: Mrs. V. Lai, Mrs. Blummel, Mr. Carrigan, Ms. Quiring (K), Ms. Stene, Ms. Johal. Teachers will be continuing with distant learning and in some cases on-site teaching during this time. They will either use their own time—or in cases where the teacher has on-site and on-line responsibilities we will try to arrange some TTOC release during on-site. In some cases online may be reduced and those teachers will communicate with you directly.
- 3) **Library and Learning Lab in progress**—Ms. Marten’s has done all the packing up and movers will put everything into a storage container until the flooring, painting and new shelving is ready.

These must be packed up and labelled by Friday, June 26th.

- 4) **All the rooms in the new wing**, will be getting ready for the replacement of all flooring and new paint (Ms. Emery, Ms. Murao, EA room, Mr. Wong, Ms. Ray, Mr. Lyseng and our Daycare). Also affected are the kindergarten rooms (Young/Black). Ms. Quiring's K room will be completed as part of Phase 5.
- 5) **The School office will be packed up and moved to classroom 19 by June 26th.** Office staff will be available to answer phones to July 3rd. Admin will be available through phone calls. Parents will not have access to the school. Office staff/Admin will be working together to pack up.
- 6) **Rooms 5,6,7,8,9,10**—teachers may be impacted again—to be determined—this is certainly a year of uncertainty!

In some cases teachers will need to reduce online learning for a week—and will send home a communication should this impact your child's class. In some cases we will provide some TTOC coverage for on-site teaching, and as they always do-- teachers will use their own time to ensure that the pack up and/or unpack is completed as necessary and their classrooms are ready for September.

We are excited about all of our new washrooms, updating of spaces and the work being done that is hidden but making the school safer for staff and students! While this requires extra efforts on our part, we believe that it will be worth it!

Yours truly,
Mrs. Steele, Principal & Mr. Campbell, Vice Principal