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Dear families,

I know there has been increased concern about the safety of our communities with the recent positive cases of COVID-19 in the valley. The Nisga'a School District holds the safety and well-being of students, staff, and families at the center of our decision-making, relying on guidance from the Nisga'a Valley and Provincial Health Authorities, the Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee, and Nisga'a Lisims and Village Governments. We have a return to school plan that is gradual, flexible, responsive, and allows us to start the school year with **at-home learning** until, in consultation with our community partners, we feel it is safe for our students to return to their classrooms.

Schools have been accepting registrations this week, and students who have registered with their village schools, will begin their learning plans **September 14**. Teachers are busy working on creating plans that are engaging, rigorous and ensure continuity of learning. Next week schools will be contacting families about how to access learning materials and how to stay connected with their schools. We will send weekly updates to families about our return to school and when we will be able to begin transitioning to in-class instruction. Arrangements will be made for students who require additional supports.

I appreciate your flexibility and patience as we work through the process of a unique return to school. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to us - anytime. Maintaining open communication and a positive relationship between home and school will contribute to your child's success. Communication is key. We need to work together as a community for the benefit of our children's education and the health of everyone. We have a responsibility to ourselves and each other to, consistently and calmly, follow safety guidelines. There will inevitably be challenges, but as we work together, I am confident that we will find solutions. As we return to school, initially with at-home learning plans, and navigate the exceptionality of our circumstances, we each need to do our part, with kindness and compassion.

Sincerely,

Jill Jensen
Superintendent
Nisga'a School District #92