



## J. Addison School

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RE: 2020-21 School Year Opening

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to keep you updated of our plans to begin the re-opening of J. Addison School. The government has asked us to plan a reopening of the school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The public health situation across the province has clearly evolved, and the trend has been in a positive direction. From the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, every action we have taken has been guided by the underlying principle of keeping our students in a safe learning environment.

The plan we unveiled by our provincial government is following the advice of Canada's leading medical and scientific experts — including the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Hospital for Sick Children, and the COVID-19 Command Table — sets out guidelines that will allow students across the province to safely return to class in September. These include:

- The full reopening of all elementary and secondary schools five days a week;
- Allowing secondary schools to reopen with an adapted model;
- Ensuring parents have a choice for in-class or online learning, and the latitude to change that decision throughout the year.

The Adapted Secondary Model was based on the health and safety all parties involved students, teachers, and staff. The model maximizes time in class and limits the amount of contacts a student makes during the school day. The model is as follows:

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| Period 1 (Course 1) September 9 to October 9, 2020   | 9am to 3pm | <b>One Teacher all day</b> |
| Period 2 (Course 2) October 13 to November 13, 2020  | 9am to 3pm | <b>One Teacher all day</b> |
| Period 3 (Course 3) November 16 to December 17, 2020 | 9am to 3pm | <b>One Teacher all day</b> |
| Period 4 (Course 4) January 4 to February 4, 2021    | 9am to 3pm | <b>One Teacher all day</b> |

Final exams will follow at the end of each course.

Furthermore, for students who cannot return to Canada, we will have full online lessons for secondary students each day Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm using Microsoft Teams. Students will be assigned a Microsoft school email and can join the live classroom with their

classmates and teacher. The email feature will also allow students the ability to contact their teacher at their convenience.

J. Addison has implemented a full suite of health and safety protocols informed by medical science, and will be flexible to respond to the changing threat of COVID-19. I can assure you we stand ready to respond to the changing reality of this virus.

This guidance will keep students safe by providing clarity around:

- Daily self-screening;
- Temperature check upon arrival at school;
- Enhanced hand hygiene for students and staff, with hand wash stations and sanitizer located at various locations in our school buildings;
- Mandatory masking for grades 4 to 12;
- PPE (personal protective equipment) for teachers and staff and a reserve of masks for students who may need one;
- Aggressive grouping of students to reduce interaction outside of class;
- Physical distancing;
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of school facilities.
- Restrictions on visitors;
- Pre-registration to aid in controlled reopening;
- Small class sizes with maximum of 15 students per class.

The best available medical advice tells us that we need to get our children back in our schools. We know that COVID-19 has taken a profound toll on students. At J. Addison we will never waver in our commitment to nurturing our students – to their health and safety – to supporting them on their education journey– and to set them up to succeed for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Venditti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Lee Venditti, Principal