

Video Message October 14, 2020  
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIldDq8Ab4evBOGYAER1YzQ>

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our first Youtube LIVE Broadcast. I'm not sure how many are able to tune in or how many have questions – but I hope this will be seen by all of the students, parents, guardians, and even staff, in Education Services School. I'm so glad to film this as a live broadcast in case there are any live questions. You can ask them in the chat box on Youtube if you are logged on or email me at [to\\_d@surreyschools.ca](mailto:to_d@surreyschools.ca) to ask questions now or for future broadcasts. We will be broadcasting every two weeks at 12:30pm. It should only be a 15-20 minute session but I can go longer if need be. I will also include a transcript of what I'm saying after the fact on the schools' website. It is, indeed, my pleasure to film this video message as we reach the end of the first month of face to face instruction. I know things are still different than what you would normally get in the awesome programs in our school – but hopefully you still find it engaging and fun. Our teachers and support staff have worked really hard to try and make the best of school during this ongoing global pandemic and for that I really want to extend them my thanks and gratitude. Teachers and Staff who support students, you have been awesome. Truly. Thank you.

I have several things I want to bring up in this video.

**Schedules** – By now, you have had a month of instruction in your respective program in our school – and I hope you have gotten use to the schedule. Because our spaces are typically smaller than classrooms in schools, our staff have had to do some creative tinkering so you can be at school every day and engage in meaningful learning experiences. I have had the chance to visit the programs weekly, a few programs at a time, and I love seeing the smiling faces – behind the masks. If for some reason, things change, and your current schedule no longer works for you, please let your teacher know so an adjustment can be made.

**Bussing** – We are working hard with the district to arranging school bussing. Bussing should be available to most students by now. BUT, I also know we have the largest school district in BC and unfortunately, there are still some folks without proper bussing. If you are having trouble getting to school, please let your teacher know and we will try and figure something out. The district transportation department is working hard to make it happen for as soon as humanly possible.

**Resources** – Here, in Education Services School, and in the Surrey School District, we are here to support our families and our students. The COVID-19 Pandemic has been very tough on all of us. My family definitely feels it, and I know there are many of our school community who may be struggling at this time. We definitely don't know everyone's life circumstances, but if you should need any type of support or need help connecting to community resources, please let us know. Either send me a personal email or contact your program teacher and we will make sure we do everything possible to assist in any way that we can.

**District Information** – Our Superintendent, Dr. Jordan Tinney does send out weekly/ bi-weekly videos containing vital information as to the district response to the global COVID 19 Pandemic and the overall state of our schools. Please remember to tune in to his videos which you can find on our district website or on twitter.

I always encourage everyone to please stay connected to this Facebook Page, our School Website and our District website for any updated information.

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As always – to close, I want to remind you, our students, that you and your families are our priority and we will continue to do everything possible to keep you connected to school. Have a great rest of your week and a fantastic weekend. We will see you again soon.



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