



Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Seaquam families,

We hope that your family had a wonderful long weekend where you were able to rest, connect and celebrate together.

Over the past week, teachers have been increasing the rigor in each of their courses as everyone gets used to our new reality. The activities that are being assigned should engage students for up to two hours' worth of work per course per week. We recognize that families and students have other demands and challenges they are experiencing during these unprecedented times, so we are taking a slow, methodical approach to ensure students and families are not feeling overwhelmed with their learning.

**Schedule April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>**

| Monday                     | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                  | Thursday                   | Friday          |
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| Blocks A<br>9:00am-11:00am | Blocks E<br>9:00am-11:00am | Blocks B<br>9:00am-11:00am | Blocks F<br>9:00am-11:00am | General Support |
| Block C<br>1:00pm-3:00pm   | Block G<br>1:00pm-3:00pm   | Block D<br>1:00pm-3:00pm   | Block H<br>1:00pm-3:00pm   | General Support |

**Teacher/Student Connection**

We are concerned about those students who have not yet connected with their teachers. We recommend that students:

- set up their @deltalearns.ca email as many teachers are using Google Classroom to communicate with their students. Google Classroom uses this email as a communication tool. Please see the link below for setup instructions.  
<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/student-resources/deltalearns-accounts/>
- connect with their teachers by email, if they have not heard from them. The link below is the directory for all teacher emails.  
<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/our-school/staff-directory/>

**Resources**

Counsellors, office staff, CYCWs and administrators have been making every attempt to connect with families. We have been reaching out to families to ensure they have all of the necessary resources for their children to participate in their remote learning. These resources include technology, such as a Chromebook or laptop. If any families require technology supports, please contact Mr. Nikic by email [vnikic@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:vnikic@deltasd.bc.ca) or contact the school by phone (604-591-6166).

## **Regular Weekly Student Contact**

An expectation that we have for every student is a required check-in with each of their teachers at minimum once per week. This check-in can occur in the form of replying back to an email, submitting an assignment on google classroom, checking in with a teacher virtually, or participating in a virtual discussion hosted by the teacher. For students who do not have contact with each of their teachers, a follow up contact will take place with the parents. We want to ensure students are engaged in their learning, connecting with their teachers, having their learning needs met and regular communication will be required.

## **Success Plans**

To ensure we give students every opportunity to be successful in their courses by the end of the school year, teachers should, if they have not done so already, be communicating a plan for dealing with outstanding assignments prior to Spring Break as well as students who are currently failing or have a Term 2 “I” for “In-progress” or “Incomplete”. If this has not yet been done, please email the teacher requesting the plan.

## **Student Assessment**

A June report card will be published at the end of the school year. The report card will be based on assessments over the course of the whole school year which includes assessment from term 1, term 2 and assessed work being completed by students after Spring Break.

## **Student Support**

In the remote learning environment, teachers will consider those students whose learning needs or circumstances may necessitate unique approaches and they will work with our Inclusive Learning team(s) to provide support. We will be introducing a virtual Homework Club support where students can email or have a virtual meeting with an Educational Assistant. More information will be shared shortly on this support.

## **Numeracy Assessment**

We have been receiving inquiries about the Numeracy Assessment, especially for grade 12 students. The Numeracy Assessment has been cancelled for this year for grades 10 and 11. The Ministry of Education has not made a decision on grade 12 students who have not written the assessment yet. The Numeracy Assessment is a graduation requirement. We will keep everyone informed once we hear the Ministry’s decision.

## **Protocols for Parents/Guardians Around Taking Photos, Videos or Audio Footage**

Just as we ask parents and guardians to respect the privacy of students on our school grounds, we also ask them to respect the privacy of students in virtual classrooms. Here are some helpful guidelines and tips:

- Take photos or video or audio footage of your child only
- Do not post photos, video or audio online that feature children other than your own, unless you have express permission from their parents/guardians to do so
- Please bear in mind that virtual classrooms allow teachers and other students to see into your home, so you may wish to set up a backdrop that protects the privacy of you and your family

Delta Police Department has shared the following online resources to help keep kids safe online:

[ <https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/signup> ] <https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/signup>  
[ <https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/> ] <https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/>

We would like to remind families to access the online resources on the Seaquam website. Please go to the Parent Community tab, then to the Helpful Resources area. We will continuously be updating these resources for your families. Also, the Delta School District website has a number of resources and regular updates.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these extraordinary times. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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