

April 16, 2021

Mr. Robert Fowler, Chair
District Education Council
Anglophone South School District
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Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for your letter from the District Education Council (DEC) for the Anglophone South School District (ASD-S) in which you advocate for the return of high school students to daily in-person classes. We apologize for the delay in responding.

I appreciate the concerns about students, their learning, and their mental health during this COVID-19 global pandemic. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Public Health have collaborated and consulted on the safe return of high school students to school. As you are aware, it was originally planned for all students in Grades 9 through 12 to be learning in the classroom every day in the Yellow and Orange Public Health alert levels beginning April 12, 2021. However, out of an abundance of caution, full-time in-person learning for all high schools in the province has been delayed. Cabinet and the all-party cabinet committee on COVID-19 will revisit this decision based on the advice of Public Health during the week of April 26. Please extend my appreciation to everyone in the Anglophone South School District for their efforts to keep our schools safe.

Thank you for your patience and working with us as we move through this pandemic together. We all have a role to play in controlling the spread of COVID-19 and supporting one another.

Sincerely,


Dominic Cardy
Minister

- C. Hon. Blaine Higgs, Premier of New Brunswick
Hon. Dorothy Shephard, Minister of Health
Ms. Zoë Watson, Superintendent, Anglophone South School District
Dr. Jennifer Russell, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health New Brunswick (Division), Department of Health

