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To our MMA parents from the Board of Maria Montessori Academy

The Board for Maria Montessori Academy has been in consultation with the administration to plan for the transition to part-time voluntary in-class instruction on June 1st.

As a Board, we know that the announcement from Premier Horgan and Minister Fleming was met with several questions. These questions, let alone emotions, are all valid as we work through this change together. Hopefully, a few of your questions have been answered on the townhall meeting last Friday.

No matter what decision your family has made, whether to come to school or stay close to home, the staff at MMA will continue to support your children. We are still committed to providing great educational opportunities to all learners, whether at school part-time or continuing at home with online learning.

The school is safe to reopen, and we are excited to welcome those of you who are choosing to come back on June 1st. Our custodians have worked hard to implement the new cleaning and safety protocols created by the BC Centre for Disease Control and WorkSafeBC. We know it is safe to bring our learners back to school.

Next week, staff will come back to school to localize stage three of BC's Education Restart plan, creating a 'made by MMA' response to schooling, whether it is in class learning for a few days a week or continuing full-time online learning. These plans will be shared out to families from Mr. Patrick and/or your teachers, as they are finalized. We also ask parents to go over the health rules as set out by Mr. Patrick, following the advice of the Health Minister and Dr. Bonnie Henry, and to limit your access to the school building during this transition.

On behalf of the Board, thank you all for your continued adaptability and understanding as we travel this road together.