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Good Afternoon, ASD-N Students and Families:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) has released its January 2021 Return to School communication that we are sharing with you today.

There are two additional .pdf documents, which are attached for the High School level.

Please note that each section contains contact names and links should you have any questions.

We will continue to provide you with any future communication updates we receive from EECD.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Mark Donovan  
Superintendent  
Anglophone North School District

## **Return to School Plan: Updates for FAMILIES AND STUDENTS**

### **Social Emotional Learning/ Mental Health K-12**

A reminder that **video counselling** is available. Families and students can connect with guidance counsellors using the secure platform of Microsoft Office Teams. Microsoft Teams opens the possibility for both video and audio connections with students. Parents and students are encouraged to reach out to your school's guidance counsellor to set up an appointment for students who are experiencing mental health concerns.

### **Helplines for Computer Issues K-12**

Students whose laptops are provided by the school's learning support services (due to learning difficulties, reading difficulties, etc.) and for medical reasons, please direct calls to **Neil Squire Call Centre: 1-855-450-3287** for issues related to Office 365 Pro Plus, Microsoft Teams, or OneDrive.

For all other students who own a computer used for distance learning, direct calls to the **Bell Call Centre: 1-833-453-1140** for questions related to Office 365 Pro Plus (home connection and installation), Microsoft Teams, OneDrive, PowerSchool, Desire 2 Learn (D2L), and Wi-Fi. After February 26, 2021, call **1-888-636-3131**.

For any operating problems related to student computers purchased through the special rates through the school (IMP Solutions), please call IMP Solutions: **1-800-387-5757** or visit this [site](#)

### **Flexible Learning: Updates on Options for High School Credit Grades 11-12**

Soon high school students will be picking courses for next school year. Students may wish to explore a variety of choices outside of traditional classes that count toward credit for high school graduation. The options include Challenge for Credit, Dual Credit, Independent Study and Personal Interest Credit courses (where offered). For a description of each of these flexible options, go to this [link](#). If you have any questions regarding these options, please speak to your school's guidance counsellor.

### **Distance Online Courses Grades 10-12**

The New Brunswick Virtual Learning Centre (NBVLC) offers online learning options for students. There are almost 60 courses to choose from at the grade 10, 11 and 12 levels; including all courses required for graduation and several elective and advanced courses as well. This allows students to further personalize their experience with access to courses that might not otherwise be available. For 9/10 students, opportunities also exist to take courses in English as an Additional Language (EAL), First Nations language, and enrichment.

You can find more information about online courses offered [here](#). Contact [Distance.Learning@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Distance.Learning@nbed.nb.ca) for more information.

### **Co-op and Career Exploration for Second Semester Grades 11-12**

For semester 2 starting in February, students may take Co-op and Career Exploration courses as long as they comply with public health guidelines and employers are confirmed to provide work placements. Schools offering Co-op will be required to have a backup plan in place if availability/ public health guidelines change. Virtual co-op options (including Mentorship Virtual Co-op and the IDEA Centre Online - see attached) can be explored as another option. The Long-Term Care Co-op will not be offered Semester 2 but will resume in the fall of 2021. The Early Childhood Co-op is still available for semester 2 of this year and [cheryl.brown2@gnb.ca](mailto:cheryl.brown2@gnb.ca) can assist with questions on this option. See attached document for more detail. For general co-op questions, please contact your school guidance counsellor. **In ASD-N: Please note that COVID-19 has greatly**

**impacted our Co-op offerings. Please see your school guidance counsellor to find out what options are available at this time.**

The first in a series of videos highlighting community partners that support student experiential learning opportunities, including co-op placements (virtual also available), can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/RUT2yD-FbL8> for your review. Contact information for engaging with this partner is included in the video. *Note: There has been a change in personnel at ASD-East and the interim contact for this is [Julie Roy-MacAdam](#).* **In ASD-N, please contact [Richard Hayward](#).**

### **Laptop Subsidy Grades 9-12**

Families may still apply for a **student laptop subsidy**. Please go to [this page](#) to see the latest information on the process. If you need assistance with the application, please call **1- 833- 901-1963**, reach out by email at [EECDRTS-EDPERAE@gnb.ca](mailto:EECDRTS-EDPERAE@gnb.ca) or contact the school principal directly.