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Lord Byng Secondary Timetable Adjustments

Dear Lord Byng, Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome back to another wonderful school year. Thanks to the exemplary staff at Byng and the support of our Vancouver School Board, the majority of Byng students will have complete timetables by the end of next week. Our counsellors are working very hard in an effort to get students settled into their requested courses, as we make adjustments for students and families who have changed their minds about course selection over the summer. Additionally, some students had scheduling conflicts that counsellors need to resolve one at a time. On an individual basis, counsellors try to address the graduation needs of our more senior students first, and that sometimes causes some disruption for less senior students.

As BC schools adjust to the “restored contract language” for teachers, there are some challenges. Along with finding enough teachers and classrooms, I have had to close some classes over this past week. I did not do this lightly.

I have worked closely with my team, the counselors, the teachers, the teachers’ union representatives and our Employee Services department at VSB to determine the classes we will close, and the processes by which we will help students into new classes. It is very important that you know while we work very hard to minimize the impact of these adjustments on students, these timetable adjustments had to be made.

I hope that you understand the necessity of the changes, and that the new timetable arrangements prove to be satisfactory, such that all students are ultimately on track towards realization of their respective aspirations. Feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Taylor'.

Geoff Taylor

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