June 15, 2020

Dear Alderson Families,

School District #43, Coquitlam recognizes that, during these uncertain times, many of our families are facing unexpected stressors and demands. Most of our traditional timelines and procedures have required adjusting and review as we approach the end of the school year and look toward our next.

Again this year we are working with Staples to order supplies for students. Staples has been provided with our lists and are posting them for purchase on their website. This year we have set things up so that supplies will be sent directly to your home. This year, to save you some money, Staples has set the lists up in a way that enables you to take advantage of "back to school" sales. Please make sure to watch their fliers and order the supplies for your child when the sales are on over the summer.

Please see the attachment from Staples sent along with this letter. Please also visit their website where they will be posting our school supply lists soon ("mid-June" according to their website). You can see their site here:

Staples.ca/SchoolTools. If you prefer to purchase school supplies from another store you can find each of our supply lists posted on our website here:

Parents -> School Supplies. If you do purchase from other stores please be mindful of supply quality as there is a wide range and some supplies do not work very well which may be frustrating for your child.

A few things to keep in mind when purchasing supplies for the 2020-2021 school year:

- There is no deadline for ordering supplies from Staples this year be sure to watch for sales!!
- During the last week of school teachers will be sending extra supplies we have here home with students. You are encouraged to save and reuse last year's supplies whenever possible.
- The supply lists posted with Staples indicate which supplies are "required". When ordering, you can choose not to purchase the supplies you already have (ie scissors, binders, etc) to save some money.

Please know that if you are experiencing financial hardship or require any further information or clarification regarding the purchase and provision of supplies for the upcoming school year at your child's school, please contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely, Anita

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