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Prior to Student's Return	 Principal meets with teacher(s) and relevant support staff (i.e. RT, ISW, SST, CYW, MHW) to discuss support options focused on individual student learning style/preferences and potential program changes. Principal or designate meets with student and parent/guardian to discuss specific student needs to support success (i.e. preferential seating, learning breaks, monitoring processes, etc.)
Day of Return	 Principal and teacher(s) ensure student receives a warm welcome and focus on a "fresh start" to ease student worries about returning. 2x10 communication strategy should begin today. Teacher connects student with positive peer supports. Principal and teacher(s) check in with student at end of day to identify any concerns and to adjust plans as needed.
Daily	 2 X 10 communication strategy continues. Teacher observes classroom interaction: Is the student connecting with peers? Do they have friends to play with or talk with during free time? Teacher monitors student learning: Is the student progressing as expected? Are additional learning supports required? Principal supports teacher in ensuring student can experience some form of success each day.
End of Week 1	 Take time to celebrate the student's return to learning! Principal/teacher follow up with parent/guardian to share successes and outline any additional plans or concerns that have arisen.
Week 2	 2 X 10 communication strategy continues each day. Teacher continues to monitor social and academic engagement and intervenes as needed with the goal of promoting success each day. Principal periodically checks-in with the student to celebrate return to learning. If the student is absent, teacher/principal will immediately follow up with parents/guardians to determine the reason for absenteeism and to promote continued attendance.