



Superintendent's Update

Return to Learning after Spring Break

March 27, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am providing this update to make you aware of our District's plan to support learning post spring break. Our first priority is the health, safety, and welfare of our students, their families, and our employees. The provincial government announced that all in-class instruction in BC schools was suspended indefinitely as of March 17th. Since that announcement, our District team has been busy developing a 'Continuity of Learning' plan for students while at home. There are many unknowns that we will continue to work through as the world and local environment is changing rapidly.

We continue our work on developing a plan to support student learning as we make this transition to an alternative learning environment. At this time, we do not know how long the provincial government will suspend in-person instruction, but I anticipate it will be for a considerable time as the COVID-19 virus continues through our province.

Teachers will be working from home next week. You can expect communication from your child's teacher by April 1, 2020 to discuss the learning environment moving forward and how we can best meet your child's unique needs. While our Learning Plan continues to take shape, what I can tell you is:

- All elementary students will be advanced to the next grade.
- Learning opportunities will be provided but not required unless your child is not currently passing.
- Secondary students will have an opportunity to improve their letter grade/percentage.

Once teachers have had an opportunity to communicate with you and develop learning opportunities. These Learning Plans will be shared with students and families to commence April 6, 2020.

If you are a front line health care worker, such as those individuals delivering patient care in hospitals, that require care for your school age children the week of March 30th please email us at info@sd47.bc.ca.

School sites and playgrounds are closed to the public until we can develop a safety protocol that meets public health recommendations. If you require access to the building, please contact the Principal.

Please refer to our [district webpage](#) for updates and resources. We will continue to provide District updates but with school back in session, feel free to contact your child's Principal or Teacher for school and student specific enquires.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to support each other and our school community.

Sincerely,

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School District 47 (Powell River)

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