



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

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Superintendent's Update re: March 17th B.C. K-12 Schools Provincial Announcement

SD48 began initial planning for student learning last week in anticipation of a possible decision to have students remain home from school after the spring break. School District Staff have upcoming pre-planned teleconferences with other school districts and the Ministry of Education and our team will be providing a plan for online learning for our students.

Our highest priority will be students in Grade 12, followed by those in Grades 11 and 10, who make up our Graduation Program. Our next priority will be our Middle Years students and the younger intermediate students (Grades 4-9). Plans are also being made to provide our K to 3 parents with ways to support ongoing literacy and numeracy development during school closures, including links on our website.

Over time, we will continue to take direction from the Ministry of Education and the Public Medical Health Officer as developments transpire and new information is made available. Our plans for student learning will extend as we learn more.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our amazing staff at SD48 who have been responsive to the rapidly evolving situation in the context of COVID-19. Custodial and maintenance staff have been keeping our schools safe and having them ready for future return. All of the educators and support staff have been working with our students and parents to teach universal approaches to health and wellness and support the ongoing cleanliness of our schools. Our online learning teachers have been proactively initiating plans to support students ahead of today's announcement. As always, our many community partners have also provided critical collaboration over the past few weeks.

We will be connecting in the near future with our staff, students, and parents to make and outline our plans. Thank you in advance to everyone for your support moving forward.

Lisa McCullough,
Superintendent of SD48