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Dear parents and guardians,

It has been a week since my last communication to you. For many of us that short period of time has seemed liked an eternity. Each day there are revised announcements regarding how to keep ourselves and loved ones safe.

I would like to extend our thoughts to all SD51 families and students as we collectively navigate through these unprecedented times. This pandemic is dramatically changing the way we do daily business including how we connect and how we live our lives.

As you have no doubt heard the Ministry of Education has suspended all in-person or in-class student instruction until further notice. Our district is in ongoing conversations with other BC school districts and the Ministry of Education on how this interim delivery model will look for our students. We will provide more clarity on how and when we will implement this interim educational model as soon as possible. Please expect our next communication letter to you on Thursday, March 26th.

For recent updates and information please refer to our website at www.sd51.bc.ca as well as a NEW website dedicated to the Coronavirus at:

 $\underline{https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support}$

This new BC government website has been launched with up-to-date non-clinical information. British Columbians can also use the new provincial phone service by calling 1-888-COVID19, available seven days a week from 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM. This site has a self assessment tool for COVID-19 symptoms and is easy to use.

In the meantime, please take care of each other and those that need extra supports in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Ken Minette

Superintendent SD51