



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

March 26, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of School District 59, I would like to start by recognizing what a difficult time we have all experienced in the last couple of weeks. I don't believe there is anyone in our community who has not been impacted by the COVID -19 pandemic. Our thoughts are with all of our students and families as they cope with the changes and restrictions we now live under. Our district staff has been working diligently over spring break to put plans in place for next week as we begin the process of providing education differently in the coming weeks.

As you are aware, K-12 in-class instruction has been suspended following Spring Break. Next week on March 30th, staff will return to the school buildings to begin to plan for continued instruction. The buildings will not be open to the public as we endeavor to ensure the workplace is safe for our staff.

We know that you have many questions and we continue to ask for your patience. As this situation is rapidly evolving we are continually implementing procedures and safety protocols and continue to plan to provide learning outside of regular classrooms.

Please expect to hear from your child's teacher or the school regarding the continuation of your child's education program. We also know that many of you are concerned about getting your child's belongings that were left in the school. Teachers will inform you of a plan for getting those items to you on a scheduled basis.

As teachers work through a continuation of education plan, know that they will have guidelines regarding curriculum and expectations of time or volume of work. There will also be arrangements for work to be returned and assessed. Some of this may be on-line or through work packages. We know this may be particularly challenging and stressful time for our students in Grade 12. We will be working to support our Grade 12's in completing their requirements for graduation and hope those students will be able to celebrate their graduation in a meaningful way.

Please check our website regularly as we will be providing updates and links as they are made available. Please make sure to take care of yourselves as we work together to stop the spread of this virus.

Student learning will continue. It will look different.

Regards,

Candace Clouthier
Superintendent of Schools
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