

December 1, 2020

Dear Elementary Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because you have contacted your school principal regarding a pause to your child's in-school attendance. We appreciate the difficult choices that families must make during this time, and although our schools continue to be safe environments, we wanted to provide some information around how your child will be supported during a short-term pause from school.

Currently, all BC public schools are operating within Stage 2 of the Ministry of Education's operational guidelines as per the diagram below, and so providing long-term 'remote' learning is not a current option.

K-12 Schools are in				
Remote learning for all	Remote learning with exceptions	In-class & remote learning	Learning groups: full-time in-class	Learning as usual: full-time in-class
Stage 5	Stage 4	Stage 3	Stage 2	Stage 1

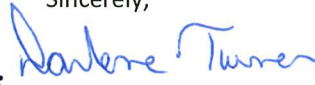
However, from now until the beginning of the winter break, here is the plan to support elementary families in the short-term:

- The school district, rather than classroom teachers, will be providing teacher created resources focussed on foundational skills. These resources have been posted on the 'Student Resources' section of the SD91 website.
- These activities are intended to ensure that our learners have a way to stay connected to essential skills and to provide parents with enough structure to recreate some learning activities at home.
- Please know that these activities will not replace the rich activities that occur in our classrooms but will provide some learning supports for your child.
- Completed activities will not be required to be returned to your school as they will not be assessed in your child's second term report card.

We are hopeful that your children will be back in our schools following the winter break. If at that time you are still not intending to send your children back, please contact your school principal.

Please consider attending our virtual Town Hall event with Northern Health on December 10, 2020, at 5:00 pm which will help to address many of the questions parents/guardians currently have. Details for this event are posted to our website.

As always, we appreciate our families and acknowledge the added stress as we all navigate these difficult circumstances. Best wishes to you and your family for the remainder of this school year.

Sincerely,

for: **Manu Madhok**
Superintendent of Schools