



March 30, 2020

Dear AEC Members, First Nation Bands and Community Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to each of you as we work together to ensure everyone's health and safety during the COVID – 19 pandemic. Under the direction of the Provincial Health Officer, in-classroom learning in all schools in BC was suspended effective March 17, 2020 until further notice. It is important to know that all schools will remain open to continue to support students and families in a variety of ways. All planning will be guided by the following four principles:

1. Ensure a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees.
2. Provide the services needed to support children of our essential workers.
3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.

We are so fortunate to have developed effective working relationships with all of our educational partners, First Nation Bands and Community members. We want you to know that we care about the students entrusted in our care and we all need to do our best to support each other during this time.

Our principals and all staff members will be working together to determine how we can assist our vulnerable students and families who may be in need of extra support. As the days ahead unfold, please contact your school principal or the superintendent if you or someone you know is in need of support.

For further updated information, please visit the following website:

<http://sd78.bc.ca/parents-students/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-parents/>

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Nelson".

Karen Nelson

cc. Leanne Bowcott, AEC Chairperson
Trustees
Rod Peters, Aboriginal Education Coordinator
Principals and Vice Principals