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Dear Fraser-Cascade Families,

Effective December 6, 2020, Fraser Health has improved communication protocols for school communities when there has been a positive COVID-19 school exposure. Once Fraser Health has received a positive lab result of a student or staff member, the school will be provided with one of three customized early notification letters:

1. **Early Notification – Exposed:** This letter will be sent to parents/guardians of the class/cohort that may have been exposed to the case based on attendance records.
2. **Early Notification – Not Exposed:** This letter will be sent to parents/guardians of students who were not part of the class/cohort where the case was located.
3. **Early Notification – General (In a minority situation):** This letter will be sent to the entire school community where the case is not associated with a specific cohort. This letter informs staff, students, and parents of a general school exposure.

Once contact tracing has been completed for a specific case, Fraser Health will issue a **School Bulletin** to let the community know when case and contact management is complete. Parents and guardians are asked to continue to notify your school Principal if your child has tested positive for COVID-19. Once received, the School District will inform the COVID 19- School Hub to begin the communication process. The School Hub is a central group of medical professionals from Fraser Health who support and manage the communication and contacting tracing protocols for all confirmed COVID-19 exposures in the Lower Mainland. While there may still be some time delays due to the testing process, we appreciate that the new process should be much more efficient for notification should future exposures occur. Additionally, this new process attempts to narrow down the extent of the exposure so school communities can adapt to any further health and safety protocols if necessary.

To date, we have had six COVID-19 exposures in our entire district. We have had no clusters or outbreaks. We are thankful to our school administrators and staff members for keeping strong health and safety protocols in place. We continue to ask our families and staff members to follow public health policies during the winter months to keep our community safe. The majority of our students continue to attend school and seem to be progressing very well during this unprecedented time. We have also enclosed a brochure for our back-to-school options as of December 1.

We continue to work with our staff and families to keep our students learning while supporting our families' health and safety wishes and needs. We appreciate everyone's support and collaborative efforts as we work through this very challenging time.

Sincerely yours,

Balan Moorthy
Superintendent of Schools