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Dear Parents/Guardian and Staff of SD78

Please note that Fraser-Cascade Schools will be closed for the remainder of this week. We will re-evaluate our school status by early Sunday.

The strength of a community is measured by how it responds to tragedy. While the past few days have been incredibly challenging for the Fraser-Cascade School District community, I have been overwhelmed by the sense of generosity, care and compassion by our school staff and community citizens who are stepping up to support stranded individuals. We are receiving an incredible amount of gratitude for our staff and community volunteers who are showing up for twelve-hour shifts at Hope Secondary School. In other communities, teachers and support staff are doing everything they can to support our students who may be sheltering at home in Agassiz and Boston Bar and Harrison Hot Springs.

I urge all students and staff to consider the following. First, take care of yourselves. Please eat and get plenty of rest. Secondly, take care of each other. Do what you can to take care of your family and loved ones. As for learning, we are in a teachable moment and the curriculum is really about how we respond during these times. Many teachers and support staff are exhausted as they are working late hours at warming centres. Others will try to reach out with a plan as they connect with their school Principals.

Please stay safe and try to consider these thoughts over the next few days.

Yours truly,

Balan Moorthy

Superintendent of Schools