



March 17th, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians and Families,

Re: All Schools Closed Indefinitely

As you may have heard, this afternoon Minister Rob Fleming directed that **all in-class instruction across the province, including our school district, will be cancelled indefinitely** to help contain the spread of COVID-19.

I know this news leaves many unanswered questions. The government has indicated that they will be working with school districts to plan for the maintenance of some level of interim educational service. They also announced that every student will receive a final mark for this year, the postponement of most graduation assessments, and committed to ensuring that students would be able to progress to the next grade level or graduate as usual at the end of this school year. Over the coming days, we will be working with the Ministry of Education to clarify further details for our students, staff and families. We will communicate this information as soon as it becomes available.

All families are encouraged to keep up to date with the latest information available from our local and provincial health authorities. We encourage parents to visit our website – www.abbyschools.ca to find up to date information and helpful resources on universal precautions, educating children, as well as our ongoing response to the COVID-19 outbreak. You can also find updates on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram channels - @AbbotsfordBC.

There's nothing more important than the health, safety and well-being of our students, families and staff. We know that school cancellations will cause significant disruption and inconvenience for families. We're asking for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate this challenging situation together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Godden', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Kevin Godden
Superintendent of Schools