



March 19th, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians and Families,

Re: A Message from the Board of Education

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

Understandably, this news leaves you with many questions that we do not have the answers to right now. But, every day, we are working on finding out more for you.

Many families have questions about what student learning will look like during these school closures. Over the next two weeks, our teams will be working on plans to deliver curriculum and learning resources. Our vision as a school district has always been to provide our students with a world-class, innovative, and individualized educational experience for every student; and that will continue to be our goal as we work to find our new interim normal.

More information on what Abbotsford School District's educational continuity plan will look like will be provided to staff and families from Superintendent Godden after Spring Break.

I know that you can appreciate the rapidly changing nature of the virus and its impact on our community, city and country. We are in an evolving situation that continues to change daily. I encourage families to check our website (www.abbyschools.ca) and follow us on social media (@AbbotsfordSD) for the latest updates to COVID-19 as they relate to our school district.

With that said, this is our Spring Break. I hope you all find time to rest, relax and recharge as we prepare for the weeks ahead. I also hope that you are following the advice of health officials in keeping your self, your family, and our community in good health.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we extend our sincere appreciation for your patience and understanding as we work together moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Petersen'.

Stan Petersen
Chair, Abbotsford Board of Education