



March 19, 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

On Tuesday, March 17, the Minister of Education made the unprecedented decision to suspend in-class instruction in all K-12 schools until further notice.

As your Board of Education, we understand the worries and concerns that you are facing and wish to assure you that we will be working closely with the district's senior management team, school principals and vice-principals, the Campbell River District Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 723 to continue to support you and your child(ren) through these challenging times.

Superintendent Morrow and our educational leadership team are actively working to consider ways that the district may support students and families, as well as support some aspects of continued learning. As a board, we will be doing everything we can to assist our district staff in these efforts.

School District 72 is fortunate to have dedicated staff and educational partners that come together for the best interests of students every day of every school year. We have full confidence that our students will be supported to the best of our collective abilities through this difficult time.

As the Provincial Health Officer has advised social distancing and limiting gatherings, the Board of Education has rescheduled the upcoming March 24 public board meeting to March 31 to consider how we can use technology to continue to have these meetings available to the public without physical attendance. We will also ensure that there is a means for the public to be able to ask questions of the board on items relevant to the meeting agenda.

The school district will provide more information on these changes to public board meetings, supports for students and families and information on COVID-19 as it pertains to our public schools as it is available.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding in these extraordinary circumstances.

Sincerely,

Richard Franklin, Chairperson
Board of Education, School District 72