

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

I am truly sorry to intrude on the last few days of your holiday. It has certainly been a much different spring break that any of us had planned. Jag and I want to reach out to you and provide some assurances as I know that everyone will have so many questions and concerns.

As I am sure you can appreciate, at this point, the questions will far outnumber any answers we can provide. You will have already received a letter from Superintendent Mark Pearmain where he addressed so many of the current issues. If you haven't had a chance, please read it carefully and continue to look for further updates, as information changes daily. To reiterate, **in-class instruction has been suspended**. There is an understandable degree of uncertainty about what school will look like as we adapt to all of the new challenges. I want to reassure you that there has been a huge amount of work going on in the background over the past two weeks where we have been working on bringing clarity to our path moving forward. Next week, teachers will be working together to outline an educational plan for our students. **Teachers will be contacting you at some point next week once a plan is in place.**

What will the next week look like for students?

Our first priority is health and safety, so Jag and I will be assessing our school on Monday in accordance with guidance from Occupational Health and Safety. For safety reasons, parents or students will **not** be permitted to enter the building next week. Please DO NOT show up to the school unannounced. We know that some of you may want to come and gather personal items or supplies. We will be establishing protocols for parents and students should they need to enter the school which will be communicated to you by Friday, April 3.

Our second priority will be for teachers to gradually connect with students to provide further information on the upcoming week(s). The rest of the week, teachers will be working together to focus on the individual and collective consideration of what "*Educational Continuity*" might look like for our students. To the best degree possible, our goal is to provide a degree of educational continuity for students and families, while working within this new and challenging landscape. Once again, your teachers will be reaching out to you directly about this once they have defined next steps, and what the process will be from April 6<sup>th</sup> forward.

Moving to a new way of delivering instruction and supporting learning will have a significant impact on our staff, students, families and community stakeholders. An important part of this support is attending to one another's emotional wellness. We want to acknowledge the very real feelings surrounding this.

In closing, I just want to acknowledge that this is a lot to take in and to process. Our number one priority is the health and safety of our greater school community. We need to take care of and support one another.

Please take care.

Sincerely,

Rob Mcleod, Principal

Jagruti Desai, Vice Principal