



March 20, 2020

Dear Living Sky School Division Families and Staff:

Re: COVID-19 Update – School Closures, Class Suspensions and Education Continuity Plan

Please read the attached letter from the provincial Education Response Planning Team. The letter contains important information about school closures, class suspensions and supplemental education plans for students.

Living Sky School Division also extends our thanks to our families, staff and community members for your continued understanding and unwavering support. We know that you have many questions during these uncertain times. As we receive information from the provincial Planning Team, we will continue to communicate with you.

Right now, we can tell you that schools will remain closed through next week and staff are at home doing their part to flatten the curve. School staff will be returning to work on March 30th. We are unsure, at this time, if that will be from home or school. We will continue to take our direction from the Chief Medical Health Officer.

School staff are anxious to get back on March 30th so they can implement a plan to stay connected with their students and families and to work on continued learning opportunities. Families will be contacted the week of March 30th regarding the possibility of picking up personal items and school materials at some time in the future.

Next week, a school division team will continue to work on our Education Continuity Plan. We will start with a link on our division website (www.lskysd.ca) that will contain family-friendly projects, activities, resources and links to help you engage your children in some fun multi-age learning. Categories will include literacy, numeracy, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), Wellness (including Mental Health), and Teens. Our plan will include provisions to allow students to complete remaining learning outcomes in mandatory and core classes. The division team will also work with others throughout the province to implement a more comprehensive education plan so that we have a diverse and inclusive plan for all students.

During this critical time, we are asking our families to join us in flattening the curve of the CoVid-19 pandemic by practicing social/physical distancing.

Please know we are thinking of you and we want you to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Ronna Pethick, Board Chair

WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING?

Social distancing means avoiding close contact with others to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Keep a minimum distance of 1 metre from others when shopping or walking in community.



Avoid non-essential trips in community



Limit or postpone gatherings



Keep kids at home away from group settings



Work from home wherever possible



Visits to long-term care homes are restricted to immediate family for compassionate reasons



Conduct meetings virtually