



School District No. 60

PEACE RIVER NORTH

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Students, Staff and Parents:

Re: Updates on School District No. 60 Response to COVID19

The District continues to communicate with the Health and Ministry of Education authorities on a regular basis to ensure we have the latest science and institutional recommendations. As with any system-wide health issue, both Northern Health and School District No. 60 have crisis-response plans in place.

Latest updates:

- The risk of the virus spreading remains low
- Staff, students, families, and the general public are encouraged to follow strict personal hygiene procedures - including regularly washing hands and refraining from touching your face
- Many resources and references can be found on the Northern Health website at www.northernhealth.ca as well as on our district website: www.prn.bc.ca

The District has been monitoring upcoming student international trips. When looking at travel options for student groups, we are using the following criteria:

- Latest health information from the local and provincial Health Authorities
- Canada Travel Advisory information on specific countries and regions - no travel to countries designated as level 2 or 3
- In-transit considerations - the possibility for travel disruption based on infrastructure closures
- Consultation with students, staff, parents

All student trips are being evaluated on a case-by-case basis and with the latest information available. At this time, District-sponsored student trips to Europe will be postponed due to the recent increase in cases and the potential for significant travel disruption in-transit.

As Spring Break approaches, we encourage our staff and families to adhere to health and travel advisories prior to and following travel.

Stephen Petrucci
Superintendent

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