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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm sure you have all heard that in-class instruction has been suspended for schools across B.C. as part of the B.C. Government's plan to reduce the transmission and slow the spread of COVID-19. This mandated closure is in place until further notice, and we await more information regarding exactly how this will affect our school. The letter from Minister Fleming is attached with more details on today's announcement. Some highlights include:

- All K-12 schools will suspend in-class instruction as of today.
- School authorities are expected to begin work on continuity of learning planning for their students.
- All students will receive a final mark and students on track to advance to the next grade will do so.

In the face of many unanswered and some unanswerable questions, the NCCSS Board of Directors met via video conference this afternoon to discuss what off-site learning could look like at NCCS and the initial implications for our families, students, and staff.

We want to assure you that our teachers have already been thinking about what this remote instruction could look like, and while we anticipate it will take a few days to implement these changes after spring break, we hope to have a framework in place to deliver adapted instruction sometime in the first week after spring break.

This is an incredibly challenging time, and yet it can also be an amazing opportunity for the type of education that is difficult to achieve in the classroom. You are our partners in the education of your children, and while there is an expectation of parental guidance and assistance, we are also mindful of your other commitments and obligations. Instruction time and assignments will be adapted and will likely require considerably less time than that spent in the classroom.

Your response to communication is important at this time. We will likely need information about your availability to technology and internet access. Please watch your emails and facebook for updates and respond when requested.

We will be creating a COVID-19 FAQ section on our website to answer some questions that we anticipate will follow. Please be patient while we get all of this set up. There is still so much more direction to be received, and we will relay developments as they come.

In His Service,

Colleen Anderson, Board Chairperson  
On behalf of the NCCSS Board of Directors