

March 27, 2020

Dear Families,

As Spring Break comes to a close and we begin the transition to a very different delivery model for your child's education, we would like to thank you for being our partner in the education of your child/ren. It is through working together that we will continue to support student learning and growth.

As a Board we care deeply about our students and their safety is our highest priority. We understand the challenges of being a parent during this difficult time and the need to make sure they are still learning. The style and delivery of instruction will be different but teaching and learning will continue.

To our students: Whether you are in Kindergarten and missing your teacher and your friends; or you're in grades 6 or 9 and wondering how this will affect your transition to middle school and high school; or you're a grade 12 student and devastated about what this means for all of your grad activities and celebrations, we can only imagine how confusing and overwhelming this must be for you. We understand that this is really hard for you, and we want you to know that we care about you and will do everything we can to make this situation easier for you.

We encourage you and your family to maintain the provincial health order of physical distancing and hygiene practices. When looking for updates/developments the following links are timely and factual.

- Mission Public Schools website at www.mpsd.ca
- Ministry of Education <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools>
- District of Mission <https://www.mission.ca/>

The changes brought about by Covid19 are difficult and change daily. We thank our dedicated Senior Staff and all employees for their commitment to our students' education. They are following provincial guidelines and making adjustments to reflect our unique local issues/needs. We are in good hands. Please look for further communication from the Superintendent, school principals, and other staff in the coming days.

These are challenging times, but they are temporary, and we will get through this. In the coming week you will be receiving more specific details about from our Superintendent, our principals and teachers.

We thank you again for your understanding.

Sincerely,



Chair, Tracy Loffler



Vice-Chair, Randy Cairns



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