

November 23, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

We were informed at 4:30 pm this evening that Highway 7 was closed to civilian traffic from Murray street in Mission all the way to Hope. It is open for supply trucks, public transit, and school buses, but not civilian vehicles. This means our staff living in anywhere from Chilliwack to Dewdney will be unable to access worksites. Folks accessing HMS or Hatzic Elementary will need to use backstreets to get to these buildings due to this closure. School buses are still permitted to use Highway 7.

This is despite several emergency meetings I have had this evening with Ministry of Education and Transportation. However, we will be working with them from 8:30 tomorrow to work on one of three potential resolutions to allow us to operate normally.

This also means that, unfortunately, both Deroche and Dewdney will need to be closed for tomorrow, Wednesday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, as we are unable to get staff to those sites. We will get this resolved tomorrow.

I apologize for the short notice. I hope to get this corrected by tomorrow afternoon. If you have any questions, please email me at [angus.wilson@mpsd.ca](mailto:angus.wilson@mpsd.ca). Again, our apologies for the short notification on this issue.

Sincerely,



Angus Wilson

Superintendent of Schools