



March 27, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: Continuity of Learning Plan

As Spring Break comes to an end, we want to thank all students and their families for their patience as we develop plans for the continuity of learning. We know this has been a difficult time for all of us, coping with and adjusting to changes to daily life, due to the evolving public health crisis. We want to reassure you that our District will be here to support families in the coming weeks and months, with health and safety being our priority.

As you learned from an earlier update, the province has suspended all in-class instruction until further notice as of March 17th. The Langley School District is providing you with an overview of our District's **Continuity of Learning Plan** that will guide us for the foreseeable future. Please see the attached plan which includes expectations, timeline, and information to help everyone transition to a new educational reality.

We have spent the last two weeks developing a thoughtful, responsive, and flexible approach. Our first goal is to meet the basic needs of students and families, with a focus on providing health and safety supports. As educators, we realize if these basic needs are not met, learning cannot take place. Next, our education goal for students is to do more than maintain learning. We will do our best to transform learning, find new educational opportunities, and inspire innovation when and where possible.

To help families prepare for the delivery of at-home learning, teachers will begin connecting with families by phone and email **next week**. The purpose will be to gather information needed to continue planning. Please be ready to answer basic questions around needs and supports for your child and family (e.g. childcare for essential service workers, diverse learning needs, technology needs). For families with parents/guardians identified as an essential service worker, the school district will work with childcare providers to continue to meet their needs. There is more work needed in planning and delivering this service. For families wanting to visit the school to retrieve essential belongings, resources, and supplies, this will be organized through the building administrator. Schools will be communicating this information once plans and schedules are finalized. **During this first week, students and parents are not expected to be going to school for any reason, unless pre-arranged with the school.**

For the week of **April 6th**, you can expect calls and/or emails from your child(ren)'s teacher(s) with some sharing of online educational resources and information around the continuation of learning. By the week of **April 14th**, we are planning to provide consistent learning opportunities for our students based on the information we have collected during the previous two weeks.

As we have been doing for the last two months, we will continue sending you weekly updates from the District, as well as new information from the Ministry and Fraser Health Authority as it becomes available. In addition, you can expect to receive updates from your school and teacher as per usual. If at any time you have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to reach out to your teacher and school administrator. As we move forward, if you have a District related question or concern, please email feedback@sd35.bc.ca. We kindly ask for your patience and to be mindful that administrators, teachers, and staff may not have all the answers in the first week. As we all know, this is an unprecedented time, and we will strive to do our best to support our students and families.

I also want to let you know that the District is working with the Langley School District Foundation on the continued delivery of its Food For Thought programs. The Foundation will be providing families with identified needs with gift cards to grocery stores. If you want to help our families, please consider donating online to the programs [here](#).

We've all seen how supportive and caring our community can be. We encourage you to continue to build on these qualities. We know our students, staff, and families are resilient and I am confident we will work together to get through this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools