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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STAFF: COVID-19

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Dear Guardians and Staff

The Provincial Health Officer (PHO) announced new directives and measures:

- The PHO advises that closing schools is not appropriate or advised at this time. Health Minister added, public health officials will be working with stakeholders in the education sector during spring break to continue monitoring the pandemic and B.C.'s response to it.
- The PHO is advising against all non-essential travel outside Canada, including to the United States. It is stated that if you (**all district staff and students**) do travel outside of Canada, then you must self-isolate and stay away from school or work for 14 days upon return.
- Gatherings and events larger than 250 people, should not be held or should be cancelled.
- Workplaces are urged to think about ways to create space for people, to accommodate social distancing and develop solutions to allow staff to work from home.

The district is also treating this time as flu-season, so extra measures will take place in schools and offices on disinfecting surfaces.

The district will also post updates on the district website for community member and families.

Sincerely,

Carey Stewart
Superintendent/CEO
SD50 (Haida Gwaii)