

# ***Haida Gwaii***

**AGENDA of the REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education  
School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii)**

## **ADDITIONS & ATTACHMENTS**

**LOCATION:** Google Meet  
**DATE:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**DISTRIBUTION LIST:** Trustees  
All Staff  
CUPE Local 2020  
Haida Gwaii Teachers' Association  
Old Massett Village Council  
Skidegate Band Council  
Skidegate Haida Immersion Program  
School District No. 50 Website  
District Parent Advisory Councils  
Village of Queen Charlotte  
Village of Port Clements  
Village of Masset

### **ADDITIONS AND ATTACHMENTS:**

11.6 Re-Opening of Schools



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School District No. 050 – Haida Gwaii  
Attention: Carey Stewart, Superintendent of Schools  
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May 21, 2020

**Re: COVID-19 Response and Haida Gwaii State of Emergency**

Dear Mr. Stewart,

These are extraordinary times around the world and Haida Gwaii is no exception. On March 23, 2020 all governments on the Islands declared local States of Emergency. This historic and critical decision includes emergency measures in effect throughout Haida Territories until further notice.

Of interest to School District No. 050, Haida Gwaii's emergency measures include:

- **Physical distancing requirements:** only those who live in the same household can have physical contact. Outside of the home, people in good health must keep at least 2 metres / 6 feet distance from others.

In addition to our cherished Elders and language speakers, Haida Gwaii communities have significant populations of seniors with serious health issues. **Medical resources are severely limited in our small communities and would be inadequate to serve our local residents if there is an outbreak of COVID-19.** The Haida Nation has a moral responsibility to take proactive measures to keep our communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To prevent a potential outbreak and ease unnecessary strain on health care services, the Haida Nation is continuing to limit gatherings, such as classrooms.

In collaboration with All-Island leaders, and with direction from the communities' emergency operations centres, we strongly encourage School District No. 050 to continue with online learning through to the end of this school year. **Due to the unprecedented threats to our communities, the Haida Nation respectfully requests that classrooms remain closed until the state of emergency has been lifted.**

Gaagwiis Jason Alsop  
President of the Haida Nation