



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (HAIDA GWAII)**

**TO:** District Staff  
**FROM:** Mitch Stewart, Superintendent of Schools  
**DATE:** January 7, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** **Functional Closure Consideration Update**

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Dear Staff,

As COVID-19 continues to circulate in our community, we encourage everyone to follow public health guidance to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 in our school. This includes:

- Completing a daily health check before you come to school. You can use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#).
- Monitoring yourself regularly for symptoms of illness. If you are sick, stay home. [Seek testing when recommended](#).
- Following [provincial restrictions in place](#). [BCCDC](#) continues to provide trusted information about COVID-19, including how to protect yourself, your family and your community and what to do if you suspect you have the virus.

While we all continue to navigate disrupted routines and changes as the pandemic continues, it's important we look after our mental health and well-being. Don't wait to reach out. School-specific resources are available from [erase](#). Information for individuals is available from [BCCDC](#).

Functional closures require that we all work together in support of our students and families. Full time, in-person school is the goal of SD50. Given staffing pressures this may not be possible and where significant absenteeism is occurring and contingency plans have been exhausted a functional closure for a period of time for part or all of a school may be needed.

In order to support the school/s and prevent the need to engage in a functional closure the School District may utilize all staff including: Student Services, Counsellor Services and District Staff to work at a different school supporting our students, so please expect your roles to look different through this process.

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Mitchell Stewart  
Superintendent of Schools