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School District 92 Nisga'a like the rest of the province, is preparing to provide continuity of educational opportunities for students and other community supports during the current COVID-19 pandemic. This work includes developing plans and using alternative delivery methods to provide curriculum, instruction and assistance to students and families.

We are working under the guidance of public health officials and the Nisga'a Lisims Government expectations, to ensure delivery of educational services and supports in a manner that keeps students, families and staff safe. Consistent application of preventative measures must remain top of mind.

Today our schools and classroom teachers are beginning to develop flexible and innovative ways to accommodate the needs of each of our school communities. It is important to know that learning environments and related services may look very different from regular operations. It is also important to acknowledge that local circumstances may require different approaches between schools and communities. It also takes time and we are at the beginning, so we appreciate your patience as this unfolds. Over the next days and weeks teachers, support workers and administrators are preparing to support student learning until normal operations are resumed. It is expected by the Ministry that students are connected to their teachers no later than mid-April but we anticipate here that will be much sooner.

Before we can plan for learning though, we need to create safe procedures for access to the building, we need to learn new ways to

communicate with each other, and new ways that learning can be provided remotely.

While we have considerable flexibility in how we deliver educational opportunities and supports to meet the needs and circumstances of our schools, service delivery must operate within current guidance from local and provincial medical health officers. In addition to providing educational services, we have been asked by the Provincial Health Officer to prioritize in-person care for children whose parents/caregivers provide essential services in the community.

What that means is we plan to operate on 4 guiding principles

Guiding Principles

1. Ensure a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees.
2. Provide the services needed to support children of our essential workers.
3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.

This is extraordinary for everyone involved. Please be patient and respect the time and procedures schools need to create a safe working and learning environment.

Thank you,

Joe Rhodes,
Superintendent of School