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Dear staff,

The education and well-being of our children is the central concern of the district, and our focus and care is for the academic success and the social-emotional wellness of our children. We are also keenly aware of the need to protect the health and safety of our community. Due to a recent locally confirmed case of COVID-19, and the return to Phase 1 of the Nisga'a Nation Restart Plan, we will be moving to remote learning for the next two weeks, November 23-December 4.

With this transition, you will need to find ways to ensure the continuity of learning for your students. Our experience in the spring has prepared us for the challenges of teaching remotely. Your school administrator will be connecting with you about your remote learning plans. Regular communication with families will be essential to ensure clarity of expectations, provide regular updates on student progress, and to share information about learning plans. Maintaining open communication and a positive relationship between home and school will contribute to our students' success.

There is a lot of information in the media and on social media. I ask that we focus on the facts available for our local context. We have important work to do and our success depends on our ability to work together to create a safe, caring, and positive work and learning environment. As questions or concerns arise, please reach out to your principal or supervisor. There will inevitably be challenges, but if we work together, I am confident that we will find solutions.

Communication is key. We have tremendous responsibility in educating our students and need to work together as a professional community for their benefit. We also have a responsibility to ourselves and each other to, consistently and calmly, follow safety guidelines and to provide the best educational opportunities possible. As students learn from home and we navigate the exceptionality of our circumstances, we need to support each other and remember to always be kind and compassionate.

Sincerely,

Jill Jensen
Superintendent