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Dear Families:

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we reach out and support students in this new and unfolding way.

Hopefully your family is adjusting to the at-home learning we are providing. As we embrace new tools to conduct that learning, it's important to be clear that our instruction is not limited to online classes but rather include a variety of learning opportunities to meet the needs of students.

To that end, I wanted to provide you with some updates and reminders as we head into the weekend.

COVID-19 Supports

Our website is constantly being updated to reflect what we are hearing from you in regard to your needs. At [this COVID-19 page](#) you will find links to everything from the platforms teachers are using to conduct online lessons to at-home activities that compliment student learning, health and well being information and so much more. We encourage you to visit the site and have a look around.

Online Consent Forms

If you have not signed an online consent form covering your child's use of our approved applications and platforms for learning, [please visit this link](#) and do so at your earliest convenience.

Teacher Contact and Student Work Expectations

A reminder that although each teacher has their own teaching style, they are required to connect with your student at least twice during the week. For your reference, students in K through grade 5 should be assigned approximately 5 hours of work per week, middle school (grades 6 through 8) should be assigned between 6 to 7 hours of at-home school work per week and for secondary students, there should be 2 to 3 hours per week, for each of their current courses. We don't want to overwhelm families and are attempting to balance school work expectations with the challenges and demands of your home. If you find the work being assigned to your child(ren) poses a challenge in your home, please connect with your teacher to discuss.

Student Belongings

We know many of you are anxious to get your child's belongings from their school. We have developed a plan for safe access to our buildings to accommodate you. Procedures will differ from school to school and specific instruction will come to you from your school. At this time, we expect to start inviting you in to retrieve your items May 19th.

Bus Registration

With an eye to the next school year, we invite you to register your children for bus service. [Please visit this link](#) and read the information provided. The new registration form will be live starting May 4th and you will need to fill it out as we have transitioned to a new way of providing the service.

Virtual Town Hall

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, will be answering questions from children about COVID-19 during a virtual town hall that will be live streamed on [News 1130's Facebook page](#) from 1 to 2 pm on Saturday May 2. Details about the event and instructions for children to submit questions can be found on [City News and News 1130's website](#).

Finally, thank you again for your patience and understanding. We feel your support and appreciate it. Never have the words, "We're all in this together" meant more. Continue to be well and safe and please reach out if you need our support.

Be well,

Scott Stinson, Superintendent of Schools