



Wednesday, April 1st, 2020

Dear Seaquam families,

We all hope that you and your families are well.

I wanted to connect today to provide you all with some updates for the next few weeks. These are unprecedented times in our education system, our province, our country and globally. The Ministry of Education has set out a list of priorities while we are dealing with the COVID-19 issue. The priorities are:

1. Maintaining a healthy and safe environment for students, families and staff.
2. Providing services to support children of essential workers.
3. Supporting vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
4. Providing continuity of educational opportunities for all students.

We are following these priorities in developing next steps in your child's education. The first step that you will experience is a phone call from a staff member checking in with your family in an effort to obtain information on how we can best support. Staff will be following a script and recording information they receive from you. These phone calls will take place from Wednesday to Friday this week. The calls will come up as "Unknown Caller" or "No Caller ID" for teacher's privacy. Please ensure that your contact information is correct in Parent Connect.

Counsellors will also be reaching out to students who are on their caseloads also as a check-in. Students may also access their Counsellors via email with questions or for support.

Teachers are currently working at home and collaborating virtually to develop an online version of their courses to provide for your child. Your child's experience will not be the same as they had when schools were offering in-class instruction. Please be patient with this process.

We have received many emails about having your child access their locker. We will be providing students with this opportunity, but only for essential items. These items may include medication, personal technology or other essential items. **This does not include textbooks.**

Textbook companies, like Pearsons and Nelson, have opened access to their textbooks online and teachers will be using these kinds of resources. We want to limit the number of people accessing the building and would like to stress that students who require to enter the building adhere to social distancing regulations and leave the building immediately once they access their lockers. This is not a time to socialize! Students will be able to book a time to access the building through the Flex sign up process. More information on this topic will follow this email.

We have also updated the Seaquam website with many resources families can access online. Please go to the Parent Community tab, then to the Helpful Resources area. We will continuously be updating these resources for your families.

We ask that students access their Delta Learns email account. Every Delta student has access to this email. Many staff will be using this email to communicate with students. If students have not accessed their account, they can access a PDF resource on how to sign up for Delta Learns on the Seaquam website under the Student Resources tab.

Thank you for your support and patience through this very difficult time for all of us. Please do not hesitate to contact us if your family needs support. We are here to help to the best of our ability. We need to work together to support our students in their education journeys while we work through the COVID-19 issue together.

Sincerely,

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