



Monday, March 23rd, 2020

Dear Seaquam families,

I hope that you are all well.

This year's Spring Break experience has been different from the past-- we have been asked to change our normal routines in light of the COVID-19 issue.

Since B.C.'s Education Minister, Rob Fleming, announced the suspension of face-to-face classes, we have been receiving emails from students and parents/guardians asking questions about the remainder of the school year, graduation and graduation celebrations. At this time, we have no answers to these questions as the COVID-19 issue has created a situation that is extremely fluid with changes occurring daily. There have not been any announcements about how our education system will move forward after we return from Spring Break. I have been informed that the Ministry of Education and education partners have been working on a plan that will be shared publicly in the next few weeks. I am hopeful that your children's education will continue, albeit in a different format than usual.

The links below will allow you to keep informed on the most recent information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the education system.

The Ministry of Education has created a website specifically to update families on education issues.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools>

The Delta School District's website provides specific district information.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/information-for-parents-guardians-novel-coronavirus/>

The International Baccalaureate (IB) website provides information on decisions impacting the program.

<https://www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/#examinations>

I encourage all of you to follow the recommendations of our government and public health officials. Specifically, stay at home as much as possible, practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly and sneeze or cough in the crease of your elbow. These measures will help everyone be safe and healthy.

We will eventually get back to our regular routines after we deal with COVID-19. In the meantime, we need you to take care of yourselves, your families and each other.

Sincerely,

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Principal