



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please find attached a [letter from the Minister of Education](#) which follows yesterday's press conference, led by Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education Rob Fleming, and Finance Minister Carole James. K-12 learning in BC classrooms has been suspended, meaning that regular school will not be in session on March 30, 2020 when we were scheduled to resume classes after spring break. This decision is happening at the direction of the Provincial Medical Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and is made out of continuing concern for everyone's safety. School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) staff will remain focused on doing everything we can to manage the change that is now upon us as a result of this global pandemic. We will keep our attention on the needs of students as we go through this together.

We understand the challenges some families will experience as a result of this decision and want to express that we care very much about our students and families and will do our best to support student learning in different ways while regular classroom instruction is suspended. We expect to have more clarity in the coming days about what things will look like from March 30 going forward, and we will communicate with you about this as soon as we are able.

We wish good health to you and your family during this difficult time, and please watch for upcoming communications. We will provide updates on our District website (www.sd5.bc.ca), and we encourage parents to consult the BC Centre for Disease Control website at www.bccdc.ca for the latest information on COVID-19.

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