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Parents, guardians and families,

I want to thank everyone who has reached out to Trustees, our Superintendent and staff about your questions and concerns about the health and safety of our students, as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.

I want to reassure you that student and staff safety is top of mind. We've received many questions about potential school closures. Right now, we are taking guidance from Alberta Health who believe the risk to students in schools remains low and are not recommending school closures at this time.

Our Board of Trustees and Superintendent are participating in a call tomorrow with Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Deena Hinshaw, to learn more about the government's approach with COVID-19 for school jurisdictions across the province. Our Board of Trustees are planning to meet on Monday, March 16, 2020 to discuss the details of what Dr. Hinshaw shared with us and what it means for our schools.

In the interim, I know some of you have concerns about sending your children to school at this time. We support parental choice about whether your child attends school before spring break. We encourage parents with children or family members who have complex medical needs to consider whether attending class is the right decision for your family.

The proactive measures we have put in place to keep schools clean will continue.

I appreciate your patience and understanding as the situation continues to evolve.



Trisha Estabrooks  
Board Chair

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