

March 16, 2020

Dear parents, guardians and families,

Yesterday, the Alberta Government cancelled all Kindergarten through Grade 12 classes indefinitely to help contain the spread of COVID-19.

As directed by Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange and Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Deena Hinshaw, all classes across the province and in our Division will be cancelled indefinitely in order to minimize contact between people and help contain the spread of COVID-19.

All childcare centres and extracurricular programs that take place inside Edmonton Public Schools will also be closed.

There's nothing more important than the health, safety and well-being of our students, families and staff. We know these class cancellations will cause significant disruption and inconvenience for families. We're asking for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate this uncharted situation, together.

Families have questions about student learning during school closures. Over the next two weeks, we will be working on plans to deliver the curriculum and assess student learning, while classes are cancelled. More information will be provided to you after spring break. In the interim, there are a number of great learning resources available on SchoolZone under the Resources tab. If you do not know your SchoolZone login information, please reach out directly to your school, who can provide that information.

I know this news will leave you with questions that we do not have the answers to right now. I also know that you appreciate the rapidly changing nature of the virus and its impact to our city.

Our schools are scheduling specific times this week for students to pick up their belongings. Details will be shared directly with families by their school. Please do not visit schools outside of these arrangements.

All families are encouraged to stay up to date with the latest information available from [Alberta Health](#), [Alberta Health Services](#) and the Public Health Agency of Canada.



Our Division will keep you informed about classes, student learning and our response to the ongoing COVID-19 situation through our [public website](#). You can also find updates on the Division's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels.

Thank you for your support, partnership and understanding as we do everything we can to protect the health and safety of our students, staff and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DR', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Darrel Robertson  
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Edmonton Public Schools