

Good evening PHSS families,

I hope everyone is doing well over this Spring Break given what is going on in our world. As you are aware we are in a quickly changing world. Things are not, and will not be as familiar as they were for us a week ago. ...and we will get through this together.

I expect the announcement from the Ministry of Education, yesterday, that schools would not reopen for students after the break was startling for many of you. I want you to know that as a leadership team, the principals and the senior leaders in the district are communicating as new information becomes available to us. Our district is getting regular communication from the Ministry of Education, on many fronts, to understand and work within our new situation. Patience is required as this is a new situation for everyone and it does involve more than one solution to varying situations in every different school, and district.

Going forward, we know Pender Harbour Elementary - Secondary School (PHSS) will not operate the same after spring break. After the break, school staffs will work together on educational and support strategies for our students.

Please ask your questions and express your concerns to me. I will do my best to respond or go to a source where accurate information is available. If there is no answer at the time, I will tell you that, too.

Please know that we are very aware that families have varying levels of support and resiliency. We recognize the anxiety that our students, staff and community are feeling. We will do our best as a learning community to service and support all families in this time of crisis. One thing I have learned in my time as principal at PHSS is that the Madeira Park/Pender Harbour Learning Community is one of the most caring, supportive and generous communities I have ever had the privilege of being part of. When this is over, we will be okay as we take care of ourselves, our families and each other.

Go Sakinaws!

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