

March 11, 2020

Dear staff, parents, and guardians:

Since we are heading into spring break, I wanted to take a moment to highlight some important reminders and precautions about travel in the current context of COVID-19, as provided by provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam. I also recognise that while there are important, practical measures to take, we need to guard against panic, hysteria, and irrationality.

If you are planning an international trip with your family this spring break, please remember to monitor the Government of Canada travel site for the latest travel advisories at [www.travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](http://www.travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories). Dr. Henry notes COVID-19 is currently found in over 100 countries, and advises there should be a careful assessment of international travel. Dr. Tam, in the meantime, advises Canadians to avoid all cruise ship travel. Those with underlying health issues should reconsider all trips at this time.

Finally, Dr. Henry is asking all travellers returning from Italy, Iran, and China to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return to Canada. All other travellers who are returning to, or visiting, B.C. from outside Canada should monitor themselves and their children closely for symptoms. If symptoms arise, returned travellers should limit their contact with others and call 811.

The school district will continue to publish all COVID-19 updates to the district website at [www.mpsd.ca/District/covid19](http://www.mpsd.ca/District/covid19). Please check it regularly, as well as reputable websites for further information.

Despite these unusual circumstances, I wish you all a fun-filled time and look forward to seeing you in a few weeks. I wish everyone a restful break as we support each other through these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Angus Wilson  
Superintendent of Schools