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To: Evergreen Community
From: Roza Gray, Superintendent
Re: **COVID-19: PUBLIC UPDATE # 9**

Today the government announced that classes will continue to be suspended indefinitely. This measure was described a proactive measure to “flatten the curve” with continued physical distancing, as recommended by the Chief Public Health office.

Although this decision was not unexpected, Division learned some of the expectations at the same time as the public, during the press conference. Therefore, there are many matters for which we still don’t have clear answers. Here is what we do know as of today.

- All students on track to graduate, will graduate.
- Students, even those who do not participate in remote learning, will advance to the next grade.
- Grade 12 provincial exams are cancelled for June 2020.
- Teachers will continue to provide support for home learning and will assess and return student work.
- K-8 the focus will be on literacy and numeracy, with opportunities for science, social studies, physical activity and the arts.
- Students will receive report cards. Student grades will be maintained at the mark attained prior to the suspension of classes, or higher, with the supplemental work at home.

Additionally, students and parents in Evergreen are assured of the following:

- When it is safe to have large gatherings, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our grade 12 graduates. At this time we don’t know when or how that will occur, but we will work together to find an alternative.
- Every student will have a learning plan with flexible goals set and supported by a teacher.
- Teachers will support at home learning via on line and printed materials, with outreach for students without internet.
- Teachers will be in touch with students and parents to support ongoing learning. We understand that learning at home will look different for different families, so our emphasis will be to provide learning in keeping with what students and parents can manage successfully.
- When students return to school in September, their learning will be assessed, and recovery plans will be developed to supplement learning gaps.
- Particular attention and support will be provided to grade 11 and 12 students to ensure on time graduation.

In the coming weeks, staff will be in touch often to see if there is more we can do to help you and your child(ren). We give you our promise to listen, to adapt and support your family during this most unusual time. Together, we ‘got this’.