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MEDIA RELEASE – SUSPENSION OF IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION

Today, British Columbia's Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, announced that under the direction of the Provincial Health Officer, they are directing all schools to immediately suspend in-class instruction until further notice. While classroom lessons are suspended it is expected that schools will implement a variety of measures to ensure continued learning for students. Please see Minister Fleming's letter to parents, guardians and staff here: [Letter to Parents, Guardians and school/school district staff](#)

The Board of Education for SD No. 53 will be working closely with district staff to prepare a plan to support students and families to ensure continuity of learning. District staff will be meeting in the coming days to discuss the implications of this announcement. We ask that parents, guardians and students remain patient as we work through the many issues related to continued learning under a pandemic and provincial crisis. Our foremost priority at this time is for the overall health and wellbeing of our staff, students, their families, and our community members during this unprecedented global situation. We will continue to provide information as it is available. Please check our website at www.sd53.bc.ca

Rob Zandee, Board Chair
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