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All VSB Staff,

As we are all well aware, the impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continue to unfold. I want to assure you that myself and our District team are working diligently to support you and provide you with updates that impact the Vancouver School District.

Today, you will likely have heard the news announced by Education Minister Fleming, that the provincial government has decided to suspend in-class learning following the conclusion of spring break.

As the government indicated, we are working to ensure students continue with their learning during this pandemic. With schools out on spring break, we will take this time to explore and determine what plans need to be put in place. We will share this information with you as soon as possible.

Along with the senior management team, I appreciate this may cause uncertainty. We urge you to visit the [Employee Services](#) SharePoint site for information and resources to support you. We also would like to remind staff that the employee assistance program is also available for those who may need additional assistance. For our part, we will keep you updated with any information we receive and as plans for post spring break are developed.

Public institutions, such as our District, have a responsibility to ensure every step is taken to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Information to help us all do so is posted on the provincial government's [website](#). You may also find the [FAQs](#) posted by Vancouver Coastal Health helpful.

At the District level, we continue to work with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and Vancouver Coastal Health on the COVID-19 response. We all wish to keep one another safe and healthy, and, we can each do our part.

I know our District is a place of deep connections and good will. I hope, like me, you find comfort in that sense of community amidst our current situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Suzanne Hoffman'.

Suzanne Hoffman

Superintendent of Schools

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