



March 27, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians:

I sincerely hope that during these unprecedented times your family managed to find some rest and enjoyment over the Spring Break. As you know, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students across BC have been asked to remain at home. As we look ahead to what's next, I am providing this update to as to what schools will be doing to support our students.

When the Ministry of Education announced the suspension of all in-class instruction, they provided school districts with four guiding principles to structure our work going forward:

1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and staff.
2. Provide services to support children of essential workers.
3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students

Our school community is in the process of adapting to a new way of learning, and we appreciate your patience while we sort through what it means for our school to provide educational opportunities for students under these conditions. As we head into next week, principals and teachers will be working behind the scenes to prepare so student learning can start to shift to a different model. Administrators and staff will be learning alongside students - learning to teach in a different manner. While students will not be attending school, learning is not over. Teachers will be guiding and supporting students as they learn from home. Communication and connection will be the key to our success.

Next week, your child's teacher will reach out to connect with you. Teachers want to reassure you that learning will commence just as soon as is reasonably possible. Beginning the week of April 6, teachers will start to send out lessons. We thank you for your patience while we establish the structures necessary to provide these learning opportunities.

While access to our school building will be limited in order to comply with health regulations, arrangements can be made to retrieve your child's belongings from school - particularly if there are any **essential** items your child requires. We will be sending out more information about this next week.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these extraordinary times. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at egreenhalgh@deltasd.bc.ca

Sincerely,

E. Greenhalgh, Principal