



Stein Valley Nlakapamux School

November 25, 2021

Parents/Guardians:

RE: IN CLASS INSTRUCTION POSTPONED

As you all know, our goal was to return to in person instruction on Monday November 29, 2021. Our Board of Directors had a Special Board Meeting last night and decided to continue with online learning for the rest of this semester. At the Board Meeting, we were informed that although LFN had rescinded the Evacuation Order for commercial buildings on November 23rd which included our school, they would not be lifting the Evacuation Order for personal properties on November 30, 2021. Our area still does not have emergency services restored from the Lytton Creek fire which has been further delayed by the recent storm.

With the current road closures, there are 20 members of our school community (11 students and 9 staff) who would be unable to travel to and from home to school. In addition, Environment Canada has issued a further weather warning for Thursday and Friday and possibly another storm on the weekend that will further impact our area and the lower mainland. Hence, we don't know if there will be further damage to our roads and the communities we serve. As a result, we are unsure of how safe the roads will be to transport our students to and from school. After taking all of this into careful consideration, the Board of Directors felt that the health and safety of our students, families and staff continues to be a priority. As a result, they have directed senior administration to continue with online instruction to December 17, 2021.

We are all extremely disappointed but we feel that the current situation is too unpredictable to resume in class instruction in a safe manner. We hope that you understand and support the difficult decision that has been made in the best interests of our students, families and staff.

Online learning has not been easy for many of our students and our families. We want to thank our students who have been diligent with their online studies. A huge THANK YOU to all of you, our parents who have been supporting their children with their educational programming. We appreciate all the sacrifices that all of you have had to make in the past five months.

Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or Merle Hubbard, Principal (cell: 403- 200-9923) if you require any additional support. I have also included a list of mental health supports that are available for you and your children. We look forward to turning the page on 2021 and welcoming 2022 with hope and optimism. Remember to "Be Kind, Be Calm and Be Safe" to yourself and to one another.

With Respect,

STEIN VALLEY NLAKEPAMUX SCHOOL

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