



**Grande Prairie  
Public School  
Division**  
Every Student Succeeds

   **GPPSD2357**

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Grande Prairie Public School Division Emergency Response Team provides the following information based on the March 15th press conference with the Government of Alberta and the March 16th conference call with Alberta Education. As of March 15, 2020, all Pre-school to Grade 12 classes have been cancelled in the province of Alberta until further notice. Alberta Education is leading the province-wide response to this challenge.

Building a consistent plan to support the continued learning of our students requires time. We understand that not all students have easy access to technology and this will be accounted for in the planning. High school students should be reassured that direction will be given on the assignment of course credits, Diploma Examinations and High School Diploma credentials. An update will be provided next week.

Schools are currently developing a plan for parents to pick up personal items. This will be communicated to parents by Tuesday, March 17.

The province has indicated that they are exploring a common approach to addressing the questions of student fees such as special programs, options, busing, etc. We expect a decision in the next few weeks. Your patience is appreciated.

Thank you to our families for the understanding and flexibility demonstrated in these unprecedented times. We would also like to extend our appreciation to our administrators, teachers and staff for their continued care, concern and professionalism.

Sincerely Yours,

James Robinson  
Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Grande Prairie Public School Division