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Dear Parents,

We hope you are well and enjoyed the beautiful weather this Easter long weekend.

Today you received a message from Jordan Tinney, Superintendent of Surrey Schools. In his message, he pointed out we are just 10 days into converting schools to learning online. As we are self-isolating at home, it may feel to some that more time has passed than 10 days. In moving through the days and weeks, it is important to remember we are all in this together.

We know that students and families are living in unique circumstances and the expectations for what school looks like varies greatly within the Salish Community. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work through the complexities of moving our school online. Technology is great until there is an issue like the one we experienced having the Grade 8s and 9s log onto TEAMS at the same time. Students are adjusting to the technology and are starting to realize that class expectations for behaviour are the same online as in a physical classroom.

When we first learned that schools would close after Spring Break, there was confusion regarding the expectations for students to complete work assigned after the Break. Many parents and families heard from Education Minister Flemming in his statement that students would move on to the next grade level. He has since clarified his statement to include that students need to complete the work assigned or they will not move onto the next grade. Please use this link to read his full statement (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/bc-ministry-of-education-questions-and-answers-continuity-of-learning-k-12-education_system.pdf - Section 4 outlines Marks & Assessments)

We still have students who have not logged into TEAMS or met with their teachers online. Teachers have designed assignments in two-week periods. The assignments designed so that students spend approximately 3-5 hours per week to complete the work. It is imperative that students check in with their teachers as they can guide and teach you so you are able to complete the work.

Counsellors, Inclusion Teachers, and EAs continue to support Salish students. Please email salishinclusion@surreyschools.ca if your student requires additional help with their work. Our counselling team can be reached through their email addresses or École Salish Counselling on Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/ecolesalishcounselling/>)

We know there are so many questions that remain unanswered. We are committed to getting the information to you as soon as we know. In the coming week, we will send an updated timeline for report cards in addition to further updates we receive from the Ministry or School District.

We are using as many platforms to push out information and some are targeted for parents and others for students. Parents are invited to visit all our social media sites and we have provided a guide for parents to find specific information they seek. We also invite you to email salish@surreyschools.ca or call the school if you have a question.

These are difficult times and sometimes, having a phone conversation is more helpful than a texting or emailing. There is always an Administrator at school between 8-3:30pm to take your call.

Stay well,

Ms. Hammond, Mr. Mahli, and Mr. Tait