

March 13, 2020

Dear students, parents and staff,

Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER – COVID-19 & Spring Break International Travel

In order to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the BC Provincial Health Officer and the Minister of Health have made an announcement strongly **advising against all nonessential travel outside of Canada including the United States**. Dr. Henry further indicated that anyone who chooses to travel outside of Canada will be **required to selfquarantine and stay away from work or school for fourteen days** upon their return to the province.

The Chilliwack School District is expecting all staff and students to follow this advisory in order to ensure we do all we can to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please revise out of country travel plans at this time. Students and staff who have already traveled out of the country will be able to return to school after a 14-day quarantine.

We will continue to monitor developments with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and communicate with you as needed. You may also find updates here: <u>BC Centre of</u> <u>Disease Control</u> and the <u>Public Health Agency of Canada</u>.

Sincerely,

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