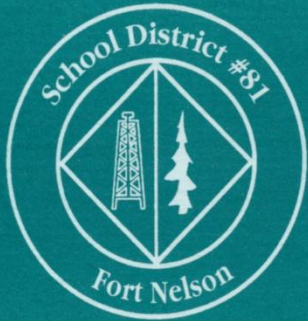


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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We understand the concern our families feel right now when they receive news that a member of their school community has tested positive for COVID-19. The recent letters followed a member of the school community informing us of their positive COVID-19 test result. The intention of the letters are to make families aware of a positive test result within our school community and to reassure families that the school will continue to closely follow the safety protocols and procedures that are in place.

We understand that families would like more information, including which classroom or cohort the letter is referring to. We are unable to provide this information due to privacy laws, to protect personal privacy rights. Northern Health will only connect directly with any individuals who their contact tracing indicates a need for further instructions for self-isolating and testing. Northern Health will not disclose the individuals, family members, classrooms, or cohorts unless they determine they may have been in close contact. Northern Health determines what steps need to be taken when a possible exposure has occurred.

This is a very difficult time for our families, staff, and community members, and we thank you for your patience. It is important to follow public health advice and orders on gatherings, closely self-monitoring for symptoms, doing the daily health check before going to school or work, and seeking testing if symptoms develop.

We will continue to work closely with Northern Health and communicate any additional information as it becomes available.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D Samchuck".

Diana Samchuck
Superintendent
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