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Dear partners in education;

As you may be aware, the British Columbia Ministry of Education announced at noon today that K to 12 education in BC is suspended on a temporary basis due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, this means that students will not be able to receive instruction at their current school. However, the Minister of Education, Mr. Rob Fleming, stated that educators in School Districts will work together to provide other learning options (including online learning). The planning for this learning will start occurring March 30 after Spring Break concludes. I will provide details regarding online learning as they become available.

Statements from Minister Rob Fleming on March 17, 2020:

*“Every Student will receive a final mark, and all students on track to move to the next grade will do so in the fall. For grades 10 and 11 students, graduation assessments will be postponed.*

*Every student eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate. The only graduation assessment required for current Grade 12 students is the Grade 10 numeracy assessment. The Ministry of Education will ensure Grade 12 students who have not yet completed this assessment and who are otherwise on track to graduate are able to meet this graduation requirement.*

*The Ministry will also work with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training with Post-Secondary institutions on admissions and smooth transition of graduating students in this extra-ordinary year.”*

We understand that during these challenging times, parents may wish to have their children return home. Please understand that if parents make the decision to bring their children home, we will continue working to support the education of your student.

It is very important that we continue working together during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your ongoing support. Victoria International Education, a division of the Greater Victoria School District No. 61, will continue to operate at full capacity and is available to support your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,



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