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To Staff:

As we get ready for Monday, I want to take this opportunity to provide reassurance and clarity around information that was shared recently by Principals regarding access to schools between March 23-27.

Considerable planning, including consultation with Dr. Strang, has taken place to allow schools to open safely next week (March 23-27). The limited opening will be for the sole purpose of allowing limited access (**by appointment only**) to teachers, other school-based staff and grade 12 students who require technology from the school to facilitate their ability to work and learn from home. As long as schools maintain social distance (two metres or approx. six feet) at all times you can have more than five people in the building. No other access will be granted at this time.

Next week principals or designates will be in their buildings. Additionally, school-based staff who perform custodial/cleaning duties will also report to their assigned school on Monday morning to perform and maintain cleaning on high traffic areas and touch points. Principals will work to ensure their operations staff are aware of the protocol for access.

Your health and safety will be our main priority as we work together to provide this necessary access next week. All Public Health protocols will be followed including the clear expectation and requirement for appropriate social distancing, hand washing and sanitizing. Additionally, any individuals who are self-isolating in accordance with public health guidelines are not to make an appointment to attend school.

Once all school-based employees and Grade 12 students pick up the technology they require (to occur by March 27th), all school buildings will be closed to all staff and students for the balance of the school closure period (currently until April 6). The only access permitted will be for operations staff that may be required to ensure the safety and integrity of the buildings (e.g. fire marshall checks, maintenance due to snow and ice) who will be notified by their immediate supervisor accordingly.

I want to once again thank all staff and our broader school community for their support and understanding during this exceptional time for all. I hope you are all feeling healthy and staying well. More information will be coming in the next day or two.

Sincerely,

Susan Kelley
Regional Executive Director