

May 3, 2021

Dear Families,

**RE: Nakusp Elementary School (NES) – Functional School Closure Effective Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

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As you are likely aware, COVID-19 activity has increased throughout the Interior region in the past few weeks. Recently, there have been some cases of COVID-19 among the school community, and as such there are a number of staff and students that require self-isolation for 14 days.

In order to support the Nakusp Elementary School (NES) staff and students who are currently self-isolating, School District 10 has decided to close the school for two weeks due to staffing constraints. In-person classes will resume on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are working very closely with Interior Health to ensure members of our school community who are directly impacted have been contacted, and that they have the information they need. Anyone potentially exposed to COVID-19 will receive a phone call from Interior Health and will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

Please note, that this is a functional school closure and has not been declared a COVID-19 school outbreak. Online learning will take place during this closure period with NES teachers reaching out to parents and students in the next few days.

Interior Health is asking **all members** of the school community to self-monitor for symptoms and get tested if they are sick. Testing information is available on the Interior Health website here: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/testing-information/> and mobile testing services are currently available at the Arrow Lakes Hospital, and will continue for as long as necessary.

Schools offer very significant health and wellness benefits, physically, socially, and emotionally. Health authorities and school districts are working closely to ensure schools remain safe. Interior Health and School District 10 would like to thank school staff, students and families for their continued commitment to school safety by following the school's safety plans and for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,



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