



## The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

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Dear North Shuswap Elementary Families,

### **RE: North Shuswap Elementary School – Functional School Closure Effective December 13, 2021**

As you are likely aware, COVID-19 activity has increased in our school community the past few weeks. As a consequence, there have been some cases of COVID-19 at the school, and as such there are a number of school community members that require self-isolation for 10 days.

In order to support the North Shuswap Elementary School staff and students who are currently self-isolating, School District No. 83 has decided to close the school for one week due to staffing constraints. In-person classes will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Interior Health and School District No. 83 are working very closely together to ensure members of our school community who are directly impacted have been contacted, and 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 10 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 beginning on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with teachers reaching out to parents and students within the next day.

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/>

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 83 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,

Donna Kriger

Superintendent of Schools