January 13, 2022

## **RE: Functional School Closure at Armstrong Elementary School**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s):

I regret to inform you that Armstrong Elementary School will be functionally closed on Friday, January 14th and Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This closure is due to the shortage of staff and the district's inability to cover staff shortages to provide the required level of instruction, safety and supervision of our students.

Remote learning opportunities will be made available to families and information regarding this will be shared with you by your school principal or classroom teacher(s). This information will be communicated to parents/guardians/caregivers by noon on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

I recognize this is a stressful time for students, families and staff. Please know that all possible alternatives were considered prior to making this decision. I have every confidence that the staff at Armstrong Elementary will provide a positive learning environment for your child(ren) through this remote setting.

We will continue to monitor the situation throughout the weekend. Updates regarding a return to school or possible extension of the functional closure will be determined according to our ability to staff the school appropriately.

I am grateful for your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging times together.

Sincerely,

Donna Kriger Superintendent of Schools