



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

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RE: Functional School Closure at Armstrong Elementary School Extended

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

School District 83 has continued to monitor the staffing situation at Armstrong Elementary School (AES) throughout the weekend. We were hopeful that a new week would result in new opportunities to have adequate staff within the school to support the instruction and safety of students. I regret to inform you that the functional closure declared last week, will continue for the remainder of this week. This closure is a result of a staffing shortage caused by a variety of reasons out of our control. As such, the district is unable to provide the required level of instruction, safety, and supervision of our students.

Remote learning opportunities will continue to be offered for students during the week of January 17, 2022 to January 21, 2022. I am fully aware of the many implications this decision has on families within the school community. I also understand this is creating some inconvenience and even hardship for some of you. Our hope and intent, continues to be to offer in person learning for our students. Rest assured we are continuing discussions regarding any potential solutions to address this situation. In the meantime, I have every confidence that the staff at Armstrong Elementary will continue to provide a positive and meaningful learning environment for your child(ren) through a remote setting.

We will update families on Friday, January 21, 2022 regarding the current situation at Armstrong Elementary School.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging times together. I have great faith that even through difficult times we can continue to demonstrate the core values of care and respect for each other.

Sincerely,

Donna Kriger
Superintendent of Schools