

Greetings Everyone,

We hope everyone is safe during this challenging time for the Beaufort Delta region and the country. I hope everyone is taking time to support their families and friends while practicing social distancing. A phone call or a message can go a long way to ease the anxiety and stress our new found reality might cause.

BDDEC has been working directly with local DEA's, ECE, school principals, GNWT Health & Social Services, NWTTA and many other local agencies, during this time of a potential health crisis. All eight District Education Authorities across BDDEC, were in support of the Minister's recommendation to cancel classes for the 2019-20 academic year. I want to thank all of our local DEA's for their support in passing this united resolution. We will continue to work with all inter-agencies to support the health and safety of our communities.

Now that classes are cancelled we can focus specifically on how we support local health care, how we can provide food to those in need, how we can support on the land projects, and how we can deliver an education plan for all students. On March 30th ECE will announce specifics about a continuity of learning plan for the NWT.

Currently as a district, we are exploring all options, which include various online digital learning platforms, Google classroom and the use of our BDDEC Moodle (website). We are aware that online platforms will not be enough. We are also investigating how traditional methods of education can support learning.

As the Minister's letter to the public stated, supporting Grade 12 students to meet graduation requirements will be a top priority. ECE will be working with post-secondary institutions across Canada on admission requirements.

As we have more information on the evolving situation, we will continue to update you. If you have any questions feel free to email me at frankg@bdec.nt.ca or at the number listed below.

Stay safe everyone.

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