

November 20th, 2020



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Good afternoon Revelstoke families,

I would like to draw your attention to a message from the Revelstoke Community Task Force regarding the Well-Being Survey currently being circulated in our community.

As you are likely aware, we value the information we gather from our students through tools like the Provincial Learning Survey and the Middle Years Development Instrument (information on those can be found on our website at <https://www.sd19.bc.ca/district-reporting/>). These surveys help us understand how our students feel about their school experiences and help us focus our efforts in areas important to them.

Similarly, under the current pandemic conditions, the Community Well-being survey will help focus the efforts of the Revelstoke Recovery Task Force by bringing voice to community members' experiences and needs moving forward. It only takes a few minutes to complete and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/revelstokewellbeing>.

Given recent news, there is increased attention in our community on the pandemic. The Provincial Health Office and Dr. Henry continue to remind us that the harms associated with students *not* attending school far outweigh the risks associated with the virus. For more information see this report [Representative for Children and Youth BC Report](#)

In terms of the spread, Dr. Henry notes that it is taking place in social gatherings, in family homes, and other areas where "basic measures" aren't necessarily being followed. In addition, she continues to point out that there is an extremely small percentage of transmissions actually taking place in schools. For up to date information please see [BC COVID Information](#) and refer to our website at <http://www.sd19.bc.ca/>.

If there is an 'exposure' in school, you will get a notice directly from me and your principal. Through contact tracing, Interior Health will connect with everyone who may have had contact with the exposure and provide them with instructions related to isolation requirements.

Thank-you for supporting measures including distancing, avoiding social gatherings, handwashing, masking up when distancing isn't possible, and staying home when you're not feeling well! We are grateful for the guidelines and for the steps being taken in our community to reduce the risk of spread.

Should you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to connect with your principal or with me at mhooker@sd19.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hooker", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mike Hooker
Superintendent of Schools