



April 21, 2020

Dear families of PVNC:

We join our hearts and prayers together for the victims of the terrible tragedy in Nova Scotia on Sunday, and send our deepest condolences to all who have been affected by this event. In addition, we continue to pray for the victims of COVID-19, their families and communities, and we offer our gratitude for all of the frontline workers, in particular those who are tirelessly working in the health care professions. In our social isolation, we are closer, as a community, than ever.

I am writing today to express my gratitude to all PVNC staff for their patient and diligent work in navigating this new landscape of education, through our PVNC Learn@Home program. It is our hope that all families have had contact with PVNC staff, and that almost everyone is connected through a device to our learning platform. Our IT department is working hard to meet the needs of a final few families. Thank you for your patience. We have heard Premier Ford comment that he does not expect schools to re-open by May 4, but we have had no official confirmation of a date or any indication of how long the school closure is expected to last. As always, I will keep you informed as soon as we have more information.

I want to let you know that **Friday, April 24 is a PA day at PVNCCDSB**. This day was planned since the beginning of the year, and because PA days are governed by a provincial regulation, only a change to the regulation can alter the PA Days. This means that our staff will be fully engaged in a day of professional learning, with a focus on Special Education and Autism. Students are encouraged to continue with the assignments and activities they have been working on through the week. Please be advised that all school staff will be unavailable for contact on Friday due to their involvement in professional learning that day. We will all resume our regular PVNC Learn@Home programming on Monday, April 27.

Please know that all of our PVNC students and families are in my thoughts and prayers during these challenging times. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school principal by email or by phoning the school and leaving a message.

Sincerely,

Michael Nasello
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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