

*OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR*

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March 26, 2021

Dear Administrators,

We all learned on Wednesday March 24, 2021 during the Provincial Government Covid-19 briefing that community-based sports/recreational activities will be permitted for children/youth under Alert Level 2 as of Saturday, March 27. The Chief Medical Officer of Health also indicated that the medical advice has not changed with respect to K-12 education.

We recognize and appreciate the ingenuity and detailed planning of administrators, as well as the creativity and hard work of teachers in the provision of high caliber virtual learning these past months. However, we also believe that in-school instruction offers the optimal environment for learning and well-being for the vast majority of our students.

Extracurricular activities are highly valuable for many reasons, but these are not normal times. The District continues to stress the importance of making in-school learning a priority over non-essential activities and champions the notion of a safe community being a key factor in ensuring a safe school. To that end, there will be no change to the current prohibition on all extracurricular activities, including school sports. Any altering of this prohibition will only occur after careful consideration and consultation with our school communities. This is certainly not something that would be contemplated while we have thousands of high school students throughout the Province unable to access in-school learning.

Again, thank-you to you and your staff for your continued diligence and commitment to student and staff well-being and learning. Please share this correspondence with your respective staff.

Sincerely,



**ANTHONY STACK**  
CEO/Director of Education