

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We respect the decisions of all our families, without judgement, whether they have chosen to send their children to school or not, as in-person schooling is optional for the remainder of this school year. Families make their decisions based on a number of circumstances that may or may not be the same as the circumstances of other families.

We were discouraged to hear about a couple of incidents yesterday when disparaging comments were made about children whose families chose to attend school. There is no tolerance for disrespectful or judgemental comments made toward others. Every family has the right to choose what is best for their children, but they must understand that every other family has the same right. We do not discriminate against people for their choices, as there is no one choice that is correct for everyone. We often hear people talking about their rights, but not nearly as much about their responsibilities...We have the right to make our own choices, but we also have the responsibility to uphold the same right for others. Based on their own beliefs, people will hold their own opinions, but should not assume that their opinions are facts. Prior to our spring break, much misinformation was spread in the community through social media when opinions were confused with facts.

For families who have chosen to attend, the school is a safe and healthy environment. Our District and school staff have worked very hard to create this environment and every precaution is taken to ensure it stays this way. When disrespectful comments are made to one person, they are made to all of us. This is a time when our community needs to come together to support all its members instead of creating a divide that will cause harm to people now and into the future.

Please note that the playground is reserved for school use during the hours of 8:30 -3:00 on school days and is only for those children attending on that day. If you have chosen to keep your child(ren) home or it is not your child's day at school, please do not use the playground until after 3pm Monday to Friday. If you bring your children to school to use the playground after school, please ensure that your comments and behaviour towards others are not hurtful.

Yes, most people are being respectful and kind, and we are so grateful to you! Let's work together so that all members of our community feel safe and accepted.

Sincerely,

Elaine Stapleton

亲爱的父母/监护人,

我们没有任何异议, 非常尊重家长的决定, 是否送孩子到学校来上课, 这个学年是否到校读书是可以自行选择的。根据家庭的情况, 及其他因素, 家长的决定会有所不同。

昨天我们听到关于议论和贬低到校上学的孩子的传言。我们不能容忍对于他人任何不尊重及不客观的讨论。每个家庭, 有自行选择的权利, 哪些是对孩子有利的事情, 每个家庭有同样的权利。我们不能歧视任何人有关他们的选择, 对于任何人来说, 没有一个选择是绝对正确或者错误的。我们经常听到人们讨论自己的权利, 但是很少听到讨论自己的责任。我们有权利做出自己的选择, 我们对他人同样有责任坚持他们的权利。基于他人的信仰, 人们应该保留自己的意见, 不应该假设他们的意见就是事实。我们春假之前, 通过社交平台, 很多不准确的信息在我们社区传播, 这些信息并不一定是真实的。

对于选择来上学的家庭, 学校有一个安全及健康的环境。我们的教育局和学校员工非常努力的工作, 来创造安全健康的环境, 保证每个预防措施都到位。当不尊重人的意见指向某个人, 其实就是指向所有人。这个时刻我们的社区需要团结在一起, 互相支持, 而不是产生分歧伤害他人, 不管是现在还是将来。

请注意 8:30-3:00 这个时间段, 学校操场只允许当天来上学的孩子使用。周一到周五, 如果选择把孩子留在家里, 或者那天不是小孩上学的日子, 请不要使用操场, 直到下午 3:00 以后。如果放学后, 你带孩子来学校操场, 请注意你的言行, 不要伤害其他人。

是的, 大多数人是友善, 尊重他人的, 我们非常感激大家! 让我们一起努力, 让我们感到我们的社区是安全的, 被接受的。

真诚地,
Elaine Stapleton