November 28, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a follow-up to the Enbridge pipeline rupture north of Prince George last month, Fortis BC has asked that natural gas customers reduce consumption by initiating lower thermostat set points, quicker showers and other collective initiatives intended to ensure that gas reserves are adequate to meet our forecast winter needs.

As a large consumer of natural gas for heating systems, SD43 has committed to participating in conservation measures and will be introducing slightly lower temperatures across the District effective December 3, 2018. Currently the district strives for a 20.5 degrees Celsius setpoint. The new set point of 19 degrees Celsius will be initiated over the first half of December and will remain in effect until the situation is fully resolved. SD43 will continue with its practice of reducing temperatures when the school is not in full use during weekends and evenings.

We suggest that all staff and students bring an extra layer of clothing to accommodate this reduction in temperature. For more information about the conservation initiative, please go to: https://youtu.be/xnNJadVTigg or fortisbc.com/reduceyouruse

Thank you all for cooperating with this initiative.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
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