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Dear SD43 families,

As we acknowledge the one-year anniversary of the WHO declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, we are starting to see glimpses of light at the end of the tunnel. Spring is a time of renewal and as we move into spring break, I hope that you will have the opportunity to rest and recharge for the final stretch of the 2020-2021 school year.

The last day of classes before the break is Friday, March 19th with students returning to the classroom after Easter Monday on Tuesday, April 6th. Over the coming weeks staff and administrators will continue to share exposure notifications, should they be necessary, and we encourage you to continue to follow public health guidelines. As usual, in the event of an exposure notification, postings will be made to social media channels (<u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>) while principals will be in contact with families directly affected. Please follow the directions of the Fraser Health Authority if they contact you. Hand hygiene, social distancing, mask wearing and continual daily monitoring for symptoms are still recommended and we all hope to return to class healthy and safe.

Increased access to vaccinations makes us all hopeful that we may soon resume activities we have enjoyed before, but now is not the time to let our guard down. We are nearing the finish line, so we must finish strong. Enjoy spring break, relax, renew, reconnect, and we will see you after the Easter holiday.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hartland

Patricia Gartland CEO/Superintendent