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Dear SD43 families,

Thank you for your efforts in completing the daily health check with your children each day. Recently, parents/guardians were asked to sign a copy of the daily health check and return it to their school. Since that time, the daily health check has been revised by the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings, page 23) and parents will now have to provide a signed copy of the newly updated daily health check. Parents/guardians will receive access to the latest version from their school principal or via School Cash Online. Please sign the latest daily health check and return it to your school or complete the process on School Cash Online.

Changes to the daily health check are in response to evolving knowledge of COVID-19 and its spread. The BCCDC update of symptoms has been adjusted to reflect those most indicative of a potentially active COVID-19 case. Information continues to be improved as more is learned about COVID-19 and the list of narrowed symptoms is designed to ensure that students do not unnecessarily miss school. In addition to the revised symptom listing, there is information on school attendance and contact tracing procedures. Multiple translations are available for the daily health check and posted on the district website.

The BCCDC and Fraser Health have created a website for tracking COVID-19 exposures in schools. The page may be found at <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/schoolexposures>. This link will also be available on the district website FAQ page at www.sd43.bc.ca. Information is rapidly changing and parents/guardians are encouraged to check the district website regularly. Urgent information will continue to be shared with parents/guardians by their school principal.

Children at school are being taught that frequent handwashing, physical distancing and reducing the number of in-person close interactions are still the most effective measures in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 and we hope that these practices are being encouraged at home as well. By working together, we can continue to provide a safe environment for students.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent & CEO