



September 20, 2019

**RE: Odour Issue at Parkview Elementary – Suspension of Operations**

Dear Parkview Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

When I shared the letter with you on Wednesday, my sincere hope was that I would be able to give you better news than I have for you today. Operations staff has now met with Interior Health, and due to the number of complaints about the odour and possibly related symptoms, and because we are still unable to locate the source of the problem, they are recommending that we suspend operations at the school until further notice.

As a result of this decision, we have now set to work at preparing alternative sites so that learning may continue as soon as possible. The youngest students will remain closest to home by moving into Eagle River Secondary, and we will transport the other five divisions by bus from Parkview to the next closest schools with available space, which are North Canoe Elementary and South Canoe Elementary. Other options were considered, but we believe that keeping class groupings intact and inhabiting sites that we know are clean, supervised, and set up for the instruction of children was the best choice to make.

**We are therefore asking parents to keep their students home Monday and Tuesday while the Parkview classrooms are moved into the other schools and set up, with the intention of students being in session in their new surroundings on Wednesday, September 25th.**

These are the locations for Wednesday:

- Reassign the 4 K-2 divisions to Eagle River Secondary (Divisions 6-9)
- Bus the 2 Gr. 2-3 divisions from Parkview to North Canoe (Divisions 4-5)
- Bus the 3 Gr. 4-6 divisions from Parkview to South Canoe (Divisions 1-3)

Further communications with specific times and details will be shared as soon as they are available. Additionally, we will be hosting a public meeting at Eagle River on Monday night at 7 pm to review the process and answer any further questions you may have.

We apologize for any inconvenience and anxiety that these changes will cause, and once again, we thank you for your patience as we work through this challenge.

Yours truly,

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