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Date: March 20, 2020
To: Teachers and support staff
From: George Daley, Deputy Minister
Subject: COVID – 19 – school system closure

Dear Teachers and Support Staff:

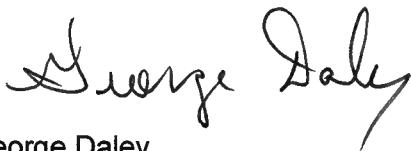
New Brunswick's K-12 school system will be closed until further notice. As we heard from Dr. Jennifer Russell, Chief Medical Officer of Health, "*COVID-19 is a pandemic and New Brunswick is not immune.*" This closure status will be reassessed during the first week of April, in collaboration with Public Health.

Leaders across our school system have been working tirelessly to protect student and employee's safety and to provide early learning and child care services to essential workers. I want to thank them.

In the coming weeks, the two sectors of EECD, in conjunction with school districts and professional associations, will pursue learning options for students. While school buildings are closed, staff may be contacted electronically to explore such options. Thank you to those who have already reached out with creative ways to support our students in this most difficult time.

Parents and students will be informed shortly to not expect any home learning options until early April at the earliest.

On a personal note, educators have always been leaders in their communities. Please ensure that you are setting the example for all New Brunswickers by closely following the directives from public health. We all have a role to play in flattening the curve.

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George Daley
Deputy Minister