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**Subject:** ASD-W Updates on School Closures

Families of Anglophone West School District,

You will find, below, a memo from the Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development for the Anglophone Sector, George Daley. In this message, Mr. Daley indicates that the school system is closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All New Brunswickers, including school staff and students, need to follow the direction that has been outlined by the recent NB State of Emergency that was declared on March 19. While the day will come when we start looking at lessons, assignments, learning and schooling in general, the focus right now remains on safety, health, wellness and family. As noted in the Deputy Minister's memo, parents and students should not expect home learning options until April at the earliest. District and Department staff, followed by school staff, will prepare for the focus on learning as we approach the day for it to begin. I have advised all school administrators and staff that they are not to be providing lessons or work of any sort until the time is right, even if requests are being made.

Resources to support students and families with their own wellness are being prepared and will be shared next week. We have created a tab on our ASD-W website where we will share memos, resources and documents as they become available. It is worth checking this site regularly, whether you are a parent, ASD-W employee or casual employee with our district. Our website is <http://asdw.nbed.nb.ca> .

Thank you for your support of schools and our district during these unprecedented times. Please continue to focus on maintaining positive health in your homes.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney,

Superintendent