

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **NLESD Takes Further Action to Protect Students and School Communities**

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) is taking action to limit large gatherings in schools and the potential community spread of the COVID-19 virus.

“The purpose of these measures is to protect the health and safety of our students, employees, and school communities,” said Tony Stack, CEO/Director of Education. “Ultimately, we are cancelling all remaining international student travel scheduled up until April 30, 2020, and suspending discretionary activity which would result in non-essential access to schools by outside groups.”

#### **International Student Travel**

In light of a federal government recommendation to avoid international travel, the District will begin the process of cancelling all remaining school trips to international destinations scheduled up until April 30, 2020, and potentially beyond.

#### **Professional Learning**

District-based professional learning and training for teachers and support staff which involve multiple schools is suspended until further notice. School-based professional learning can continue at this time.

#### **Community Use of Schools**

The use of school facilities by outside groups under the Community Use of Schools policy is suspended until further notice. The only exceptions are after-school programs for children already attending a school, and access to public libraries housed within schools.

Meanwhile, as always, if a student or employee is exhibiting flu-like symptoms, they are expected to remain at home. For additional information related to the mitigation of risk associated with the COVID-19 coronavirus in schools, see: [District Information for School Communities](#) and public health information: [Information for Schools](#).

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