

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **K-12 In-class Instruction Suspended in St. John's & Area Schools; Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Activities Cancelled Province-wide**

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is suspending in-class instruction for all schools in the St. John's metro area, as well as those in Bell Island, Mobile and Witless Bay. This action comes on the advice of Public Health (Eastern Region) and is effective Thursday, February 11 to Friday, February 26. A complete list of schools impacted is provided below.

All school staff, with the exception of those required to self isolate on the direction of Public Health, are required to report to work at their school. Teaching staff will begin online instruction as follows:

- High schools effective tomorrow, February 11.
- Intermediate will begin Friday, February 12.
- Primary/Elementary will begin Monday, February 15.

**The District is also cancelling all extra-curricular/co-curricular activities across the province at this time, again on the advice of Public Health. This is a precautionary measure which expands on the suspension of activities in the St. John's area, announced earlier this week.**

These measures are taken to allow Public Health to expand its contact tracing and testing into other school populations in the metro area, and to further limit all student interactions with each other and the community at large. Public Health officials will be working with schools directly impacted by Covid-19 in the coming days to provide direction with respect to any public health measures required.

"I recognize this situation is stressful for all involved," said Tony Stack, CEO/Director of Education. "The District continues to adhere to the expert and prudent advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and public health officials and we are thankful for their tireless work. Their advice has held us in good stead so far and we will continue to work hand-in-hand with them as we move forward. Our priority continues to be the health and safety of our school communities."

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Schools Involved in Suspension of In-Class Instruction (61 total)**

Admiral's Academy	Horizon Academy	Roncalli Elementary
Beachy Cove Elementary	Juniper Ridge Intermediate	St. Andrew's Elementary
Beaconsfield Junior High	Larkhall Academy	St. Augustine's Elementary
Bishop Abraham	Leary's Brook Junior High	St. Bernard's Elementary
Bishop Feild Elementary	MacDonald Drive Elementary	St. Edward's Elementary
Brookside Intermediate	MacDonald Drive Junior High	St. Francis of Assisi
Brother Rice Junior High	Mary Queen of Peace	St. George's Elementary
Cape St. Francis Elementary	Mary Queen of the World	St. John Bosco
Cowan Heights Elementary	Mobile Central High School	St. Kevin's Junior High
East Point Elementary	Morris Academy	St. Kevin's High School
Elizabeth Park Elementary	Mt. Pearl Intermediate	St. Mary's Elementary
Frank Roberts Junior High	Mt. Pearl Senior High	St. Matthew's Elementary
Gonzaga High School	Newtown Elementary	St. Michael's Regional High
Goulds Elementary	O'Donel High	St. Paul's Junior High
Hazelwood Elementary	Octagon Pond Elementary	St. Peter's Junior High
Holy Family Elementary (Paradise)	Paradise Elementary	St. Peter's Primary
Holy Heart High	Prince of Wales Collegiate	St. Teresa's School
Holy Spirit High	Queen Elizabeth Regional High	Topsail Elementary
Holy Trinity Elementary	Rennie's River Elementary	Upper Gullies Elementary
Holy Trinity High School		Vanier Elementary
		Villanova Junior High
		Waterford Valley High