



PUBLIC NOTICE

FORT SMITH SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19

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The Fort Smith District Education Authority (FS DEA), as per the recommendations of the NWT Chief Public Health Officer, hereby cancel school/classes at Joseph Burr Tyrrell Elementary School (JBT) and Paul William Kaeser School (PWK) effective March 17th 2020 through to April 13th 2020, or until further recommendations are made by the NWT Chief Public Health Officer.

In addition, the FS DEA has approved the change of spring break as follows: March 23rd 2020 to April 3rd 2020 inclusive. During this period, staff/students will be on break.

The FS DEA encourages all parents/guardians to contact schools, visit official school social media platforms, and or email Principals in regards to direction on schoolwork and communication processes. JBT and PWK staff are working hard to ensure that resources are in place to support students during these challenging times.

Community members must not enter school premises during the closure, in exception to the communicated dates and times this week, as outlined by PWK and JBT Schools. The FS DEA thanks the community of Fort Smith for its patience and understanding.

For official government updates on COVID-19, please see the below links:

Official Government of the Northwest Territory COVID-19 updates:

<https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/public-safety-notice>

Official Government of Canada COVID-19 updates:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

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