

Good evening,

I apologize for the after hours email but, I am assuming that those of you who are affected by this want the information sooner rather than later! As you have no doubt heard ALL schools across the province will be closed from December 17 - January 10. Nothing has changed with regard to Secondary education, the regulations that were announced in late November are still in effect.

Note the following for ALL teachers:

- You are to be working from home until January 11. You may request permission to work from school, if you don't have internet at home.
- You may request borrowing a school computer if needed.
- January 4th is a Ped Day for all schools.
- You are entitled to "emergency daycare services," what that looks like in your area I don't know.

The following applies to Elementary and Preschool teachers ONLY, for both December 17 and 18, and January 4-8:

- You are to have daily contact with your students, telephone calls, or online sessions with the whole class, part of the class or individual students.
- You are to provide work for the students to complete each day, reading and/or assignments, worksheets, etc. The work provided can be sent home in advance, emailed regularly, assigned online, done through Seesaw, Google classrooms, Zoom etc.
- Schools can choose to send devices home but don't have to.

I understand completely this is extremely stressful and very short notice. School teams will have to discuss how they see implementing this given the short notice. Please let me know if there are any problems.

Thank you,
Gillian