



Vancouver Board of Education

School District No.39

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

1580 West Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 5K8

March 16, 2020

To All Work Experience Employers

RE: Cancellation of Work Experience Placements for Vancouver Students

Dear Work Experience Employers,

I am writing to advise you that all Vancouver School District work experience placements will be cancelled until further notice.

The decision was made in alignment with the rapidly changing landscape due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and the District's responsibility to limit the risk to students and staff. This decision was made with the utmost consideration of the health and welfare of students and staff. Since March 11th the impacts of COVID-19 have been far reaching, inclusive of the WHO declaration of an international pandemic on March 11, 2020 and the March 12, 2020 announcement by BC health officials with further announcements today by both federal and provincial governments that discourage large gatherings and advise taking action that supports social distancing in our communities.

Thank you for your continued support and the opportunities you provide to our students. I will keep you updated and hope that you will consider working with our students when we are able to continue with work experience placements.

Thank you for supporting our students and staff as an educational partner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Schindel'.

Rob Schindel
Associate Superintendent