



Good afternoon,

We are committed to keeping in contact with our Fort McMurray Catholic Schools family. We know this is a time of great uncertainty for us all. Together we will navigate these challenging times. We wish to provide you this update on your child's education and the next steps for student learning.

I am proud of the efforts that our Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Division staff has put in place over the last week to support learning for every student during these class cancellations.

Grades EEP to 6 will begin off-site learning with their students by Wednesday, March 25. Grades 7 to 12 teachers will begin on Monday, March 23. Families will receive emails from their teacher to get started early next week, we know many have reached out already. It is crucial your child complete the work provided by their teacher(s) in order to prepare them for the next school year.

Moving forward, Alberta Education has [shared their expectations](#) for student learning to continue. Alberta Education has created [this FAQ document for families](#). Student progress and curriculum will be assessed. Teachers will evaluate student outcomes and achievement will be communicated to parents through ongoing feedback and learner profiles.

Alberta Education Minister Adriana LaGrange has [written this open letter to Alberta parents/guardians](#).

The entire team at Fort McMurray Catholic Schools is dedicated to ensuring that each learner is successful and supported in their education. We cannot do this without you and value your continued support. Our staff are ready and willing to help students and families through this modified learning environment.

I also understand that some within our division may be facing unique obstacles or challenges. If you or your child is in need of learning support please contact your child's teacher or school. A staff member will be able to direct you or provide you with the available supports.

As Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta Chief Medical Officer of Health said, "There are no easy solutions to the situation we are in. We need to face this together and respond to this extraordinary crisis with extraordinary kindness."



We know Fort McMurray is incredibly resilient. Before learning continues next week I hope you join me in reassuring our children that one thing hasn't changed. We will always be there for them. Now more than ever, they need this encouragement.

Thank you.

George McGuigan

Superintendent of Schools