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Dear Parents & Community Members,

As you can imagine an extended school closure is not a situation we thought we'd be facing, but as we develop plans to help students continue academic growth over the next six weeks we ask for your patience. Our goal is to keep everyone healthy and help students march on academically! On Tuesday, we will post a list of Questions & Answers regarding the closure on our website ([www.selkirkschools.org](http://www.selkirkschools.org)).

The materials sent home with students in no way come close to resembling what we do in the classrooms, but it is a best effort on short notice. We are only sending a week's worth of assignments right now and will get better at offering more engaging options to try to keep students moving forward. We are working on ways to get assignments back and forth from students to teachers with minimal exposure for everyone. There are some classes, like our College in the High School courses with specific content that must be taught and cannot be altered. For the most part, though, we recognize that your personal schedules may not be conducive to teaching your child at home. With that in mind, we are trying to provide enough to keep students engaged, but not so much that students or parents feel overwhelmed.

The general advice during the closure is to stay at home as much as possible to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. At this point we plan to offer one-to-one meetings next week for parents to get questions answered and to provide additional learning materials. As we go to the grocery store, get our mail, go to church, etc., we do so with informed risk. Each person needs to decide their own level of comfort with that risk. If you would rather not meet with your child's teacher, contact the school or the teacher to let us know your preferred mode of communication. We are looking at ways to increase our ability to interact via technology but also recognize some families don't have that access. Any one-to-one meeting options will change if there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community.

We are also surveying interest in breakfast/lunch delivery for all children ages 0 to 18 and the need for childcare. The sack meals would be free regardless of income. The survey link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SelkirkClosure>) is on our website. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we all do our part to keep our community and students safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nancy J. Lotze'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nancy J. Lotze  
Superintendent