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Dear Staff,

I hope this note finds each of you healthy and in good spirits. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for all you have done to move into what has become our new temporary reality. I have heard from parents and the community at large and they have expressed their thanks and gratitude for teachers and support staff who are reaching out and making meaningful connections with students.

We are extremely grateful that we have so many dedicated caring people looking after our students. Principals and Vice-Principals have shared the many successes and stories from schools, and I know our Manager of Communications continues to publish these good news items regularly. It has been very nice to share these events with our community in these troubled times. You are to be commended for your efforts.

As I mentioned before, our new temporary reality will change as long as we continue to follow the measures that our Provincial Health Minister has outlined. We all must do our part. As a District we are working with both the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office to ensure that we are following all necessary protocols while we support our essential service workers. I am confident that together we will get through this health crisis.

I would like to thank you for accepting the challenge of providing continuity of learning for our students in new and often challenging ways. These changes have required each of us to think creatively and at times challenge the way we have been delivering education. I am proud to acknowledge all the hard work you are doing on behalf of the students of the Comox Valley.

Please take the time over the Easter weekend to rest, relax and enjoy time with those closest to you.

On behalf of the Senior Leadership team, thank you for everything you have done and will continue to do for our students.

Please take care of yourself and each other. Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully,

Tom Demeo
Superintendent of Schools (Comox Valley)