To the Community of Bella Bella:

COVID Updates

BBCS will continue distance learning, with the last day of formal distance learning instruction on Friday, June 12 for all grades.

Grades K-7 will have their typical year end wind down activities through distance learning from June 15 - 26.

Grades 8-12 will have their typical Summer School through distance learning from June 15 – 26 for students to improve their marks or ensure passing.

The physical building will remain closed to students with one exception: Grade 12s who are working towards graduation including the numeracy assessment, will be permitted in BBCS to meet with their teachers at prearranged times.

Plans for the 2020 Graduation ceremony are currently postponed and will be revised as soon as possible given current COVID guidelines. Communication is ongoing between graduates and BBCS staff.

We would like to acknowledge and commend the students, parents and staff for their efforts during this difficult time.

Year End Assessment

All students will receive a final grade for each course they are enrolled in.

Teachers will determine a final grade for students based on work completed to date and the assessment of learning that is occurring during distance learning.

Final report cards for all students will be mailed out at the end of June.

Teachers are expected to continue communicating student progress informally; this is especially important for Grade 10-12 credit courses that students are failing.
Why continue Distance Learning?

The Board is committed to the continued safety of students, parents, staff, and community.

By keeping BBCS physically closed, we will be able to continue maintaining physical distancing and respecting community preventative measures.

We also will be able to continue preparing BBCS to reopen after labour Day, on Tuesday September 8 with increased health and safety measures. This is in alignment with the Ministry of Education’s Stage 1 Restart Plan.

By keeping BBCS physically closed, we continue to be in compliance with the Ministry of Education that ‘fully respects the jurisdiction of First Nations to make decisions regarding their schools’. 

Furthermore, the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) and the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) recognize that individual First Nations, like the Bella Bella Community School Board (BBCSS), will determine opportunities provided to their learners.

BBCSS is committed to continuing the existing routine of distance learning, given that the Ministry is only permitting a partial return for students at this time. We believe this would be disruptive and unsafe, especially because of our particular circumstances in Bella Bella such as the travel ban lifting June 1.

Return to School September 2020

We look forward to welcoming all students back to Bella Bella Community School, when we reopen with increased health and safety measures on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Stay Safe & Healthy

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