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### **Memo regarding school closure: Functional and Preventative School Closure**

**Ntamtqen School Closure January 26 – February 7, 2022**

#### **Attention all Ntamtqen families;**

With the rise of Omicron and COVID-19 in the region and province, Ntamtqen School has made significant decisions to attempt to stop or slow the spread of this communicable illness.

As of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the school will be temporarily closed to students. This closure will remain in effect until February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, when we will re-open at our normal time.

This closure is preventative and done so with an abundance of caution for our families, students, and elders. The single best way to prevent the spread of this illness is still through a lack of exposure. This closure allows the school to undergo a deep cleaning and our community members additional, unstressed time to self-monitor and/or self-isolate.

We remind you, when we return on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, please continue to monitor your children and perform daily health checks; before sending them to school. We ask that no staff member or student attend school if they show any symptoms of illness. Also recommended is the use of Rapid Response tests should you or your families show one or more symptoms.

School staff will be present and on hand during this closure and are available to provide support to households of students. Also available will be several of the second level services we offer to our families; for example, our School Counsellor.

We thank you for your support and patience during these unprecedented and difficult times. We appreciate your trust and understanding. Together, as in the past, we will get through this as a compassionate and united team.

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