



# *School District No. 54* (BULKLEY VALLEY)

*"To empower all learners to live the challenges of a diverse and changing world."*

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Dear Parents, Guardians and SD54 Employees,

As Trustees for Houston, Mr. Kearns and I would like to express our support for the many families in Houston impacted by the recent Canfor announcement. We know the closure will affect the whole community, and as a District we will strive to support students, staff and their families through these tough times.

The weeks and months ahead will be very challenging for everyone as they navigate through the closure. As someone whose family is reliant on the forestry sector, I can appreciate the anxiety that people may be experiencing. My thoughts are with everyone affected.

There will be extra stresses on the students and staff and our goal will be to work with community groups to try to support them through this difficult period. Please feel free to contact school administration or the district if you believe we can help. The District works with many agencies and we have access to many support services that could help anyone in need.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Williams  
Chairperson of the Board of Education

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