



SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

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February 12, 2019

To all students, families, staff and communities of School District 64 (Gulf Islands)

Re: Snow Days and Recovery

Our dedicated transportation and maintenance staff have been responding around the clock to this latest weather event in our island communities. While the worst of the snow appears to be over for now, we will need to ensure that facilities are safe for students and staff to return. In addition to considering the local road conditions, a brief list of what needs to be done includes:

- snow accumulation assessments;
- final driveway and parking lot snow removal by local contractors;
- power outage electrical checks/emergency lighting; and
- health and safety checks of walkways and emergency exit routes.

For these reasons, School District 64 (Gulf Islands) **schools will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, February 13, 2019.**

Our transportation and maintenance department, with additional supports, will be hard at work preparing our facilities and busses and I have urged our educators to find ways to connect with students so that they can keep up with their learning as best they can.

Closing schools is not a decision that is made lightly and I thank you in advance for your understanding and any adjustments you may need to make to accommodate this inconvenience. I assure you that our schools will be working hard to make up for the lost time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Benwell'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Scott Benwell
Superintendent of Schools