



**Q & A for Students, Parents and Staff of the Fort  
McMurray Public School District  
Edition 1 - May 9, 2016**

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**PLEASE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AT [www.fmpsdschools.ab.ca](http://www.fmpsdschools.ab.ca)  
and our twitter accounts @fmpsd @DougNicholls2**

**1. When the schools re-open, will there be staff?**

Yes. Employees remain on contract and they will have a five day notice to return to work.

**2. Will my children in elementary and jr. high have to repeat the year if school does not re-open in Fort McMurray before the end of June?**

No. We do encourage students to enroll in school if they are ready to return. If that is not possible for any reason, students will move to the next grade in September.

**3. Some high school students have chosen to enroll in the nearest school to where they are staying. Other students have chosen not to enroll at this point. Is that a problem?**

We encourage students to register in school if possible. Further information from Alberta Education regarding high school credits is expected soon. Students in high school have been welcomed in other high schools across Alberta to complete courses.

**4. Have Diploma Examinations been cancelled for Fort McMurray students?**

Minister David Eggen has announced today (May 9th) that Grade Twelve students are not required to write the examinations. Students will have the option of taking the school awarded mark as their final mark. Please continue to visit the district's website and twitter accounts @fmpsd and @DougNicholls2 for further information.



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- 5. We have been in contact with The College Board (Coordinators of the Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations). If students have enrolled at high schools already holding AP exams, can students write AP exams there?**

Yes. Our students enrolled in our AP courses are already registered with The College Board. Students are encouraged to talk to the School Principal or AP Coordinator if additional courses are needed.

- 6. Are Provincial Achievement Tests in Grades 6 and 9 cancelled?**

Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests scheduled to start the week of May 9 have been cancelled for students affected.

- 7. Students in high school may be asked for a copy of their transcript if enrolling in a school outside of Alberta. How are transcripts accessed?**

To access transcripts, students are encouraged to register with MyPass through Alberta Education. Visit <https://mypass.alberta.ca> to register.

- 8. How do students complete courses online?**

Alberta Distance Learning has set up a special website for you to register. You will need on line access to complete courses from where you are.

Visit: <https://www.adlc.ca/fort-mcmurray-students/>

- 9. Students have expressed concern about missing graduation ceremonies. Will there be graduation ceremonies in Fort McMurray?**

Superintendent Doug Nicholls has been discussing graduation ceremonies for Fort McMurray students with the Superintendent of the Fort McMurray Catholic School Board, George McGuigan (Monday, May 9th). It is expected that both districts will be planning graduation ceremonies upon the return of our students.



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#### **10. Will there still be Summer School?**

At this time, we continue to take registrations. We will monitor the situation and we are assuming that FMPSD will still be opening summer school in July.

#### **11. Can I enrol my child(ren) in a school outside of Alberta?**

Enrolling your child(ren) in any school remains optional including outside of Alberta.

#### **12. Are mental health supports available?**

Please contact Alberta Health Services or [education.alberta.ca/mental-health](http://education.alberta.ca/mental-health). Contact your employee assistance program to access mental health support. Children can also call the Children's Help Line at 1.800.668.6868 or [kids.helpline.ca](http://kids.helpline.ca).

#### **13. Where is the best place to obtain information updates?**

It is MANDATORY that you register with the Canadian Red Cross. This is how the Government of Alberta will be identifying affected individuals who may be eligible for relief. You may register with the Red Cross by clicking on the link below or by phone at 1-888-350-6070.

[REGISTER FOR RED CROSS HERE](#)

You can follow FMPSD for updates on Twitter @FMPSD @DougNicholls2, Facebook Fort McMurray Public Schools, and or on our Website [www.fmpsdschools.ca](http://www.fmpsdschools.ca). Links to all FMPSD social media accounts are on our web page.

#### **14. What is the best way to contact FMPSD personnel?**

Email is the best way to contact FMPSD staff at this time. You can find email links on the district website, choose central office and then pick the appropriate department and person. That person will either handle your query or redirect to the appropriate person.



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**15. How do I submit an FMPSD expense claims or invoice?**

Accounts Payable is in the process of being set up. It will take us longer to process payments than before. If you have a question about whether or not your invoice or expense claim has been received, email: [finance@fmpsdb.ca](mailto:finance@fmpsdb.ca)

**16. Can we register our children for school next year?**

You can continue to register on the FMPSD District website at:

<http://www.fmpsdschools.ca/Registration.php>

**17. What will be the process for school clean up?**

Operations & Maintenance staff are on standby to mobilize as soon as allowed to make the schools a home for students and staff again. A team is being put together to assess the condition of schools when the authorities having jurisdiction allow this to happen.

**18. Are staff on standby?**

As active staff are on standby, they will be paid as per their current letters of hire or contracts.

**Thank you for your support of our students, staff, and parents of  
FMPSD. Further Q and A's will be provided in the future. Please  
continue to check all communication accounts on a regular basis.**

**If you have additional questions for us, please email them to:**

**[teena.francis@fmpsdb.ca](mailto:teena.francis@fmpsdb.ca)**



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