



Hillside Jr/Sr High School  
"A Caring Commitment to Learning"



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Re: Important Update and Support during Wildfire Evacuation

Dear Hillside Jr/Sr High Families,

On behalf of all Hillside Jr/Sr High School Staff, we hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and secure. As you are aware, our community and surrounding area has been affected by devastating wildfires, and I wanted to reach out to provide you with an update and offer our support during this challenging time.

Temporary Closure:

The school will remain closed until further notice due to the evacuation notice for the Town of Valleyview and surrounding areas. We will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate updates about reopening once the evacuation order is lifted. We will evaluate and update academic supports in the event the duration of the evacuation order becomes lengthy. In the meantime, please ensure you take care of yourselves and each other.

Counseling and Emotional Support:

We understand that the impact of this wildfire reaches beyond the physical aspects of evacuation. The emotional well-being of our students and families is of utmost importance to us. We are available to provide emotional support resources during this difficult time:

- Cynthia Morgan at Greenview Counseling 780-524-5022 or email [cynthia.morgan@greenviewcounselling.com](mailto:cynthia.morgan@greenviewcounselling.com)
- My email at [mandy.patenaude@ngps.ca](mailto:mandy.patenaude@ngps.ca)
- Alberta Health Services <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/Page14070.aspx>

Ongoing Communication:

We will continue to communicate with you to keep you informed as information becomes available regarding school reopening and additional support services that may become available. You can expect updates via email, our school website and facebook.

Please know that our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. We are committed to supporting our school community and helping you navigate through the challenges that lie ahead. We appreciate your patience and compassion, as we work together as a community through these tough times. In closing we want to express our sincere gratitude to all the firefighters, RCMP and other emergency service crews local and not local, who have been working around the clock to protect our community and surrounding areas.

Wishing you safety and strength.

M. Patenaude  
Principal Hillside Jr/Sr High School