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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

RE: Distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests

The Ministry of Education has made Rapid Antigen test kits available for K-12 students across the province of British Columbia. The use of rapid tests builds on existing COVID-19 testing programs which are currently in place within communities across the province. All kits have been Health Canada approved and instructions regarding their use can be found at the BCCDC's [Rapid Testing At Home web page](#). Though schools have been provided with adequate tests for all students, SD83 will be distributing tests for students in K-8 through parent/guardian/caregiver pick up. Students in grades 9-12 will be able to request a kit from their school according to the distribution process established by their principal.

“By making rapid tests available to symptomatic students in rural and remote communities, we are using an additional tool to strengthen the continuity of learning,” said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education. “Since the return to class on Jan. 10, teachers and staff in B.C. have worked diligently to ensure classrooms and schools continue to be safe places and spaces for students to learn. I thank them for the tireless work they do each day to give students every opportunity to achieve their best.”

I want to thank you for the care, concern and respect you continue to demonstrate through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Donna Kriger
Superintendent of Schools