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Dear parents, guardians and students of Moncton High:

Phase Orange:

As you know this past week our Chief Medical Officer, Dr Jennifer Russell in conjunction with the Premier mandated Zone one (Moncton) and Zone five (Campbellton) back into the orange phase. Mr. Ingersoll our Superintendent submitted a letter to families and staff this past weekend. I am attaching this as well for your viewing.

As a school, we have noticed a marked decrease in our attendance both yesterday and today. We have received many emails and calls informing us that parents and students are not comfortable sending their child to school during this orange phase. We understand that people have different levels of anxiety in dealing with the pandemic and want to ease parent's concerns in this area. Hence, this memo is to confirm that this is always the parent / guardian's prerogative in such a decision. Having said that with the decision to keep students at home we have received many requests to provide additional work in lieu of this. In terms of where we stand, the high school principals have been in conversation and we are collectively saying the same thing. The following is essentially what has been decided as a group.

'Parents who have made the difficult decision to have children remain at home after moving to the orange phase will not be able to receive work packages at this time. We will provide an update on this later but encourage students to still check in and continue with the assigned work on their home learning day. It would also be beneficial for students to try and connect with classmates that are going on those days to see what might be missed.'

We understand this may not be what parents and students hoped for but with the limitations and scope of work put on the system this is what we can do for now.

I'd like to close by thanking parents, students and teachers for their collaboration and support during these different and difficult times. Most people are creatures of habit and with the change in the world this past year it has certainly effected society in so many ways. We encourage you to seek support where needed and we continue to wish our school community well. Together we can stay strong and continue to persevere. These perseverance and resiliency skills will be essential components in one's future success in our everchanging world. We thank you for your continued support during these times

Yours in Education

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