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COVID-19 Inspection at the school.

On September 11th, 2020 I visited the elementary school to review the compliance to code regarding COVID-19 changes recommended by Dilico, Health Canada and Band and Council.

First, I would like to congratulate the Principal Maggi Hill and all of her staff for all the hard work that they've put in to keep our children safe when attending classes. I noticed that all the recommendations made in previous visits were taken into consideration and the necessary changes were made. It was a pleasant visit that left me with the confidence that our children are in good hands when attending school. Kudos to all of the staff, these changes wouldn't be possible without all of your help.

During my visit the following concerns were brought up to me by Maggi:

- We need to get 4 thermometers for the school, they're needed to get student's temperatures before they get on the bus, and when they first arrive to class. Currently they do not have the necessary numbers to make this possible. It would also be good to have one thermometer per class in case a student states they're feeling feverish.
- All the hand sanitizer stations are in place but we don't have Purell to get them up and running. Perhaps Nokiiwin may be able to help us get the stock we need.
- The professors and EA's are using Lysol wipes to sanitize their student's stations after class, we also need to restock. Our numbers are running low. I recommended to use Lysol spray and wipe down with a paper towel.
- The Janitors are doing an amazing job, maybe we could look into hiring one more janitor just to be in charge of the sanitation and cleaning of the washrooms in the school. This would relieve some pressure on our current staff because its hard to keep track of all the rooms that have to be cleaned when we have kids and staff coming in and out of washrooms all day long.
- There's an urgent need for a second staff washroom. We have a situation were 28 staff members are sharing the same washroom. A 14-1 ratio is better than 28-2.
- We need a second cop for the cleaning closet's key.
- The emergency lights have to be changed since they're non functional at the moment.
- The gym will remain closed to community events. It is a liability to have people using the gym after school hours, it would be hard to keep track of the cleaning schedule for it.
- It is recommended to get 3 mist cleaning machines for deep clean purposes on Saturday. (I don't know who's doing the sanitation and cleaning for the whole school.) It was also recommended to have Saturdays as our "deep cleaning" days.
- I recommend that full PPE's (gowns, face shields, gloves, masks, and booties) should be purchased for EA's in case we are presented with a student with COVID-19 symptoms. According to the school's protocol that student and their EA will go into a separate room until the parents or guardian pick them up and take them home.



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Another big complain that we are facing is that some parents are not happy with having two sections a day (am & pm). I believe that for the time being and due to space restrictions, having 4-5 kids per class is the right way to go. We are following social distance protocols. If we started with full class sizes, we would be placing our kids and staff at risk.

I will be conducting weekly visits to the school.

Thanks for all your hard work,

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