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UPDATE for Daycare and Cultural Immersion School

Way̓ x̓ast s̓x̓l̓x̓l̓t̓ students, parents and staff.

Under the current state of emergency and evacuation order, **snc'c'amala? will remain closed until further notice.** Decisions regarding reopening will depend upon the status of these orders.

Snc'c'amala?tn staff are providing a daily children's activity program, 9:30-11:30 am, at the Swan Lake room, Fairfield Inn. This program is open to all young OKIB children displaced by the current wildfire.

The construction of new modular classrooms and renovations to nkmaplqs i? snmama'ya?tn i? kl sqilx'wt̓t̓ is on hold. **Depending on the length of the evacuation order this may delay the start of the school year.** There is currently a strong possibility that the school will open 1-2 weeks later than normal. However, decisions regarding school re-opening will be determined at a later date.

School District 22 is well aware of the current evacuation orders. In good-faith SD 22 is planning to provide **normal bus service of all OKIB students starting Tuesday September 7, 2021.** If you have any questions or concerns regarding school bus transportation, please contact the OKIB School Liaison Coordinator—Kevin Schmeltzer [email: school@okanagan.org cell: 250.241.2442]

In the meantime, stay strong and stay safe.

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