



Dear Shelburne County Families & Staff,

May 31st, 2023

My thoughts and prayers continue to be with our students, families and staff who have been impacted by the wildfires being experienced in our end of the province. As a region, we want to do all we can to support you. Part of that support is ensuring we provide as much information as we can as it relates to school closures and immediate next steps with health and safety remaining at the forefront.

While the safety component is one piece, the harsh reality is that we have many families of both students and staff who have been displaced from their homes or worse yet, have lost their homes. With an abundance of caution in mind and empathy for the realities many are facing, the **Tri-County Regional Centre for Education will be closing all Shelburne County schools for the remainder of the week (June 1 and June 2, 2023)**. These schools include:

- Barrington Municipal High School
- Clark's Harbour Elementary School
- Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School
- Forest Ridge Academy
- Hillcrest Academy
- Lockeport Elementary & Regional High Schools
- Shelburne Regional High School

We want to acknowledge the added strain of the unpredictability and timeliness of school closures related to the wildfires that apply to students, their families, and our staff. We will ensure we do all we can to get updated information as fast as possible and make decisions with as much advance notice as possible for all involved.

We will update our website and social media accounts on Sunday no later than 3:00pm with a decision for Monday, June 5th, 2023. It is my hope that the next few days and into the weekend will help provide a clearer, long-term picture.

For those looking for more information on how to talk to children and youth about wildfires, please visit the following link: <https://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/wildfires>

We will remain in close touch.

With Thoughts and Prayers,

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