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To: All GVCSS Staff

From: Human Resources

Re: South Fraser Flooding

Due to a high level of snow accumulation over winter months and an unusually cool spring, river systems across BC are at significant risk of flooding. This could have an impact on a number of communities and services along the Fraser River. The purpose of this memo is to provide information to you to enhance your personal preparedness and provide current information on the status of the flood risk and planning if you live in the South Fraser River areas. The Fraser Health web site is an excellent resource and also provides information about transportation corridors.

All areas within the Lower Mainland are considered to be at low risk of direct flooding, but the highest risk areas are located on the South Fraser flood plain. Richmond is also an area with potential for flooding while Vancouver remains a low risk. Staff that live in the Fraser Valley should visit www.fraserhealth.ca to see detailed floodplain maps of their community. You can also check your municipality's website for any specific messages from their local authority.

Please prepare yourself and your family, particularly if you do live in potential flood areas. Detailed information on flood preparedness can be found at www.pep.bc.ca.

BE PREPARED:

- **Be aware if flooded roads could hamper common routes to your workplace and home -** Consider alternative routes or accommodation closer to your work site. A reminder to not drive in flooded areas – even small amounts of water can be dangerous. Current road conditions can be found at www.drivebc.ca.
- **Food** –Food suppliers may not be able to deliver fresh food and dairy in a flood situation. Create a plan for managing without fresh food for a few weeks. Consider stocking up on non-perishable foods and especially water.
- **Medications** – Ask your pharmacy how they may be impacted by flooding and discuss their contingency plans. Create a back-up plan for getting medications if necessary.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter.