

Thursday, 30 July 2020

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Dear Dr Young

I write in regard to the matter of school closure occasioned by an incident of Covid-19 in a school community and seek an urgent discussion with you (and relevant officers) to clarify a number of matters.

The incident at Parklands Christian College and the number of school closures interstate has heightened our concerns with regard to the operational capacity and character of schools to practise social distancing and Covid-19 safe practices generally.

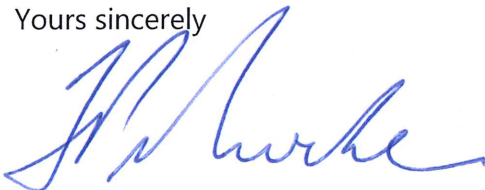
The experience in Victoria of widespread transmission amongst students in a particular school has also raised concern with the nature of the advice currently provided for the continued opening of schools.

I would formally request a meeting with you to consider the following matters:

1. The current medical advice for the operation of schools and its possible revision
2. the capacity of schools to practise social distancing
3. the best practice operational steps for a school in the event of a Covid-19 closure
4. process for engagement with stakeholders for updates/revision of medical advisories.

I look forward to a meeting with you and advisors at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



TERRY BURKE
BRANCH SECRETARY

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Minister for Education
Minister for Health and Deputy Premier