

News Release

The **Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC)** expresses our concern for the safety and welfare of students and school authority staff affected by wildfires in Northern Alberta and recognizes that this disaster has created educational challenges for students, teachers, and parents in affected school authorities. On Monday morning, the **Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC)** activated our standing emergency plan, as provided for in our service agreement with Alberta Education, to support student learning in event of a disruption of educational service within the province of Alberta. The remainder of this press release outlines the **Alberta Distance Learning Centre's** contingency plans to ensure students (Gr. 1- 12) affected by the wildfires in the Slave Lake area receive the educational supports needed to successfully complete the school year. This includes making a priority for Grade 12 students preparing to write diploma exams.

Alberta Distance Learning Centre Emergency Support to Students of Slave Lake

Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) staff will be available in Athabasca Multiplex, Westlock Community Centre, High Prairie E.W. Pratt High School, and the Edmonton Expo Centre from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20 to facilitate course registrations. **Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC)** has offices in Barrhead, Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge at which students can enroll in courses. Students who are enrolled in Grade 12 diploma courses should seek immediate advice from the contacts below in order to facilitate appropriate programming is put in place as soon as possible to ensure credits are awarded and future academic plans are impacted as little as possible. School authorities currently assisting displaced students should contact **ADLC** to obtain programming and materials if necessary.

High Prairie School Division Information

Students of High Prairie School Division in Slave Lake are encouraged to **contact Principal John Walbergs** at jwalbergs@hpsd48.ab.ca or jwalbergs@shaw.ca or **1-780-805-0830** to make arrangements to be enrolled in **Alberta Distance Learning Centre** courses that will allow students to finish the 2010-2011 school year and earn high school credits. Students who are enrolled in Grade 12 diploma courses should seek immediate advice from John Walbergs in order to facilitate appropriate programming is put in place as soon as possible to ensure credits are awarded and future academic plans are impacted as little as possible. Students will be given credit for work already completed to date and the Alberta Distance Learning Centre is providing this service free of charge to students.

The Roland Michener school counselor will be working out of the ADLC Edmonton office. Students can book an appointment to talk to Mr. Ramsey by calling 1-780-452-4655 ext. 6153.

Living Waters School Division Information

Students of Living Waters School Division in Slave Lake are encouraged to **contact Deputy Superintendent Jo-Anne Lanctot** at jo-anne.lanctot@livingwaters.ab.ca or **1-780-778-5666** to make arrangements to be enrolled in **Alberta Distance Learning Centre** courses that will allow students to finish the 2010-2011 school year and earn high school credits. Students who are enrolled in Grade 12 diploma courses should seek immediate advice from Jo-Anne Lanctot in order to facilitate appropriate programming is put in place as soon as possible to ensure credits are awarded and future academic plans are impacted as little as possible. Students will be given credit for work already completed to date and the Alberta Distance Learning Centre is providing this service free of charge to students.

For further information about the role of the **Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC)** contact:

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