

investment of an additional 80 million dollars for more devices, including those for connectivity. We will never hesitate from taking further action to support our students and keep them safe.”

The government says it also issued a remote learning policy in August 2020 to ensure that students across the province receive a consistent learning experience, she added.

“This policy requires school boards to work collaboratively with parents to ensure that all students have access to remote learning devices and the Internet during remote learning,” said Clark. “School boards are expected to provide remote learning devices and Internet connectivity to students who do not otherwise have access to them, and to develop policies on how these resources will be allocated on an equitable basis.”

According to Clark, in situations where students do not have access to remote learning devices or the Internet, and a school board is unable to provide this support, school boards should have a process in place to work collaboratively with students and parents to establish alternative arrangements on an individual basis.

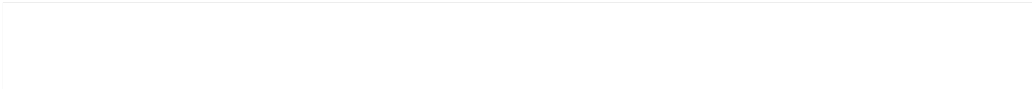
“To support meaningful access to education, alternative learning approaches must be put in place for all exempted students,” noted Clark.

Correspondence, print, or broadcast media instruction that is based on the individual student’s needs and circumstances are various options according to the province.

It has been made very clear to school boards, they’re required to make adaptations when necessary to make sure students are being educated properly, its been communicated clearly, stated Clark.

Meanwhile Telford and her children are stuck in the middle, with no help and no answers.

Names have been changed to protect the identity of the children.



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