

June 2, 2021

Dear Families,

This has been another school year that none of us will soon forget. The COVID-19 Pandemic has challenged us to persevere, to problem solve, and to adjust almost every aspect of our lives. It has been so difficult, for so many different reasons. Thank you for everything that you are doing to ensure the health and safety of yourselves, your families, and our global community.

We have learned that the ordered school closure will remain in effect for the rest of this school year. As a result, all NCDSB schools remain closed and the Remote Learning strategy continues until the end of June. We ask that you continue to expect and encourage your child to be actively engaged in their learning from home. It is so very important that they continue to participate in school and maintain class friendships and connections with classmates, even in a virtual way. Everything they learn today will be of great value to them next year, and beyond.

We are actively developing a protocol to ensure that every student can retrieve personal items that might still be in the school and allow for the return of school equipment or materials. You can expect to hear more about how this will happen from our school principals.

As well, we fully anticipate a return to school for the next school year, and strongly encourage all students to resume in-person learning. Details of the NCDSB reopening plan will be shared with you in the coming days. There will be a requirement for families who are opting for a remote learning program for their child to confirm their intentions through a survey.

Finally, we encourage all students 12 years and older, their families, and our staff to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. This is one very important aspect for our safe return to school.

Please continue to visit our website at <a href="https://www.ncdsb.on.ca">www.ncdsb.on.ca</a> for updates and information.

Stay well and continue to take good care of yourselves and each other.

Sincerely,

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