



May 20, 2020

Dear Families,

This has been a 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. These are difficult times. 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 Learning at Home 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. The skills, knowledge, and strategies that they acquire during these unprecedented times will be so valuable to them as they continue their journey in learning.

There is a strong commitment on behalf of our provincial government to return to school after summer holidays. Information about that plan will be shared with school boards by the end of June. In turn, we will communicate the specific details of the NCDSB return to school plan with all of you well in advance of the first day of school.

In closing, we know that your child has personal belongings in the school that you want and need. We are actively working on the development of a protocol that will allow our families the opportunity to retrieve these items. You can expect to hear more about how you will be able to access your child's belongings in the coming days, from your school principal. Thank you for your patience as we work through these details, while following all of the public health guidelines and expectations.

Please continue to visit our website at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) for updates and information.

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

Sincerely,

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