



SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Smithfield Middle School Families:

During this time of school closures, please know that we are thinking about our students and families and hope that all of you are staying healthy and safe. We acknowledge that this is without a doubt a challenging time and we want to assure you that our staff members are committed to supporting our students in every way possible.

At this point in time, we do know that the Government of Ontario has determined that all Ontario schools will not reopen on April 6, 2020 as previously scheduled. As soon as we receive further information on new timelines we will provide you with an update. This week we are dedicated to setting up our system for success. TDSB schools are gathering information, assessing needs, and formulating plans about the continuation of learning and we will be communicating with families as soon as these plans are finalized.

In the meantime, to support learning and well-being at home, we ask that you continue to use the resources developed by the Ministry of Education and the Toronto District School Board. We have listed them here for your ease of reference:

- The Ontario Ministry of Education's [Learning at Home](#) website provides supplementary learning materials in math and literacy for elementary and secondary students. The portal is being updated by the Ministry as the situation evolves and will help keep students learning and engaged during the COVID-19 school closure period. The Ministry has said that these resources do not replace what students have been learning at school, but are intended to help mitigate the loss of learning during the COVID-19 shutdown period.
- The TDSB [additional online resources](#) will support the Ministry's Learn at Home initiative.
- Smithfield MS online learning link via bit.ly/SmithfieldOnlineLearning
- Student well-being and mental health remain an important focus. Both school-based staff and Professional Support Services share responsibilities for supporting student well-being. There are a variety of [Mental Health and Well-Being Resources](#) for students and families available on the TDSB web.
- Please be reminded of the importance of accessing [TDSB School Connects](#) for information and updates for parents. Please refer to the [Letter to Families](#) from the

Director of Education on our Board's [website](#) along with many other [TDSB Resources for Parents](#).

We will continue to keep the community informed in an ongoing way as we continue this work moving forward. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work together during this time.

Please take good care, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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