



# Eastdale Collegiate Institute

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope that you and your family are keeping well and staying healthy. The efforts to minimize the spread of COVID 19 have created a very different and unique situation, but I am confident that your son or daughter will be able to get back to a routine of learning and studying soon.

I want to take this opportunity to update you regarding next steps in continuing teaching and learning and provide you with a list of resources to support both your child's learning as well as his/her mental health and well-being.

The Ontario government has informed the public that schools **will not re-open** on April 6th. When we receive information on new timelines, we will share them with you.

This week and next week, we are working across the TDSB to determine the best way for students to continue learning as soon as possible in a way that will work best for everyone. You can access Director John Malloy's letter outlining this process by using the link listed below. Please, also, visit the TDSB website for other updates. (For all links, click Control and click on the link. This should take you to the site.)

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1439/Letter-from-Director-of-Education-John-Malloy>

Please continue to be patient as we develop and implement these plans. I am certain more detailed information will be available shortly.

As we work to assess needs and develop plans to support the continuation of learning, the Ministry of Education has provided additional learning materials in Math and Literacy for Elementary and Secondary students. The Ministry's [Learn at home](#) website is a resource to support motivation for on-going learning. The TDSB has also prepared resources: [additional online resources](#).



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The Ministry has said that these resources do not replace what students have been learning at school, but are available to support learning.

Going forward, student well-being and mental health will also be 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. KidsHelpPhone is also a great resource to share with young people. These times can cause anxiety and this service is free and accessible by internet and by telephone. <https://kidshelpphone.ca/> or tel:1-800-668-6868.

I invite parents to share any questions or concerns with me. You can call the school and leave a message (416-393-9630). Given the current COVID-19 school closure, you will get a quicker response using email to the school's Administration at [andrea.hicks@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:andrea.hicks@tdsb.on.ca) and [ruth.burden@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:ruth.burden@tdsb.on.ca).

Please know that everything possible will be done to support the successful completion of the school year and advancement to the next level. Everyone in Ontario is in the same circumstance and we will get through this.

Yours sincerely,

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