



April 26, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. I want to provide you with an update on the extension of the school closure period across Ontario.

This afternoon, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce [announced](#) that all publicly-funded schools in Ontario, including those at the TDSB, will remain closed until at least May 31, 2020 as part of ongoing efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. He also announced that the government will replace all remaining Professional Activity (PA) days and exam days with instructional time and will be introducing an expanded summer learning program that will focus on credit recovery, supports for vulnerable students, and course upgrading.

While not unexpected, I know this extension of the closure will be challenging news for many as we continue social distancing for additional weeks. Please know that we remain focused on the health and well-being of our students, staff and their families, while continuing to support students learning at home in a variety of ways. During these uncertain times, that continues to be our first priority.

For those still awaiting the delivery of their device for remote learning, we anticipate that most of the roughly 50,000 devices requested by TDSB families will be delivered by the end of this week with a limited number of remaining devices being delivered the week of May 4. We want to thank you for your patience during this very significant undertaking.

In the days ahead, we will be communicating with you again to ask for your thoughts and ideas as we continue in this remote learning environment. In the meantime, I hope you and your families stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Malloy'.

John Malloy
Director of Education

