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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy during these incredibly challenging times.

As you are aware Premier Doug Ford has announced that schools will not be returning on April 6, 2020 as initially scheduled. We are currently working on plans to insure the ongoing support of student success at Emery Collegiate Institute. In the meantime we ask that you access the Learn at Home Resources provided by the Ministry of Education and the Student Learning Resources provided by the TDSB. You will find links for both of these resources attached to this message. I am also attaching a message from our Director of Education, John Malloy, for your information.

We have spent the past few days gathering information, assessing needs and developing strategies to meet the needs of our students and families. This work will continue into the upcoming week and we will communicate updates as they are available. Our primary means of communication will be through School Connects phone and email messages.

Please keep yourselves, your families and our communities safe by continuing to stay home when possible and practicing physical distancing (staying 2 meters away from others). Challenging times such as these often cause stress and anxiety. Please see the resources below if you require any information or support.

Public Health and Other Supports

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

Community Crisis and Mental Health and Wellness Supports:

- [Distress Centre of Greater Toronto](#)
Call 416-408-4357, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Text 45645 between 4 p.m. and midnight
Translation is available in many languages for crisis calls only
- [Kids Help Phone](#)
Call 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Service is available in English and French
- [Gerstein Crisis Centre](#)
416- 929-5200, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Translation is available in many languages

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. Please feel free to email me at maria.palermo@tdsb.on.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Maria Palermo
Principal



A Community Committed to Learning