September 8, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may know, last week our grade 9 students participated in an orientation that helps prepare them for high school. Today, I am writing to provide you with information about a case of COVID-19 that has been identified in a student at Macdonald CI. We continue to work closely with Toronto Public Health (TPH) on this case. The student will not return to the school until cleared by TPH to do so. As a result of this case, a Grade 9 cohort has been asked to self isolate.

As per our procedures, staff and students are required to wear masks while at school and to practice physical distancing, as well as proper hand hygiene — hand washing, sanitizer etc. While enhanced cleaning is conducted every day, we have made sure to conduct an enhanced cleaning in all affected areas of our school. TPH is monitoring the situation and, as always, will let us know if further precautions, actions or communications are required.

The health, safety and well-being of staff and students remains our top priority. As you know, one of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, is for students and their families to screen themselves daily for any symptoms of COVID-19 using the <u>TDSB Student</u> <u>Health Pass</u> or the TDSB Health App.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school, visit the <u>TDSB website</u> or visit the <u>TPH</u> <u>website</u> for general information. For general questions, please call the TPH COVID-19 Hotline at 416-338-7600, Monday-Sunday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM, to speak with an agent. If you need immediate assistance, please call Telehealth Ontario 24 hours a day at 1-866-797-0000.

Sincerely,

Helen Vokas Principal