

Good afternoon Oakridge Parents, Guardians & Families,

As we approach the beginning of the school year, we know there are many questions that still remained unanswered. What is for certain is that schools will look and feel different in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure student and staff safety and wellbeing. Please know that discussions regarding the aforementioned are continuing at the board and school levels.

In the meantime, the TDSB's plan for reopening schools is available on the TDSB website ([click here](#)). You'll find information regarding school opening; ways learning will be delivered; and health and safety protocols that will be in place for students and staff.

Additionally, a slide deck has been provided ([click here](#)) which referenced the elementary and secondary learning models discussed by Trustees on August 18th. Included in this presentation are points around class sizes, delayed and staggered entry at the beginning of the school year and next steps.

At the school level, we've received some Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits and signage which will be displayed around the school. We're also examining how best to implement the board plans. Because your voice is important, in the near future, we'll be arranging a virtual parent forum designed to outline and seek input from you as we continue to plan.

As a next step, information about the elementary, secondary and remote learning models will be posted on the TDSB website Tuesday August 25th.

Pre-Registration (Very Important)

From Wednesday August 26th to Saturday August 29th, the TDSB will be contacting you either by phone ("1-833" number) or by email to ask you if you intend to send your child to school on a ***Regular School Day Model*** (full day of learning in school every day) or if your child will not be attending school and will participate in the ***Virtual School for Remote Learning***. Please take a moment to answer this question as it **very important** for us to have an accurate understanding of your preference for planning purposes.

If you are unable to answer this question during this time period, school staff will follow-up with you thereafter.

In order for us to be ready for the a successful school year which includes prioritizing the health and safety of students and staff and providing strong and predictable learning opportunities with high quality instruction, a lot of work needs to be done in the weeks ahead. Knowing Oakridge is comprised of great students supported by strong staff, parent and community members only strengthens us as a school and community.

Stay Strong! Stay Safe! Stay Positive!

Mr. Parker & Ms. Lin