



St. Margaret's Public School

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Dear St. Margaret's Families,

On behalf of the staff at St. Margaret's Public School, I sincerely hope that you are all doing well during these uncertain times. We all miss seeing our students and families in person and look forward to when we can be together again. We hope that you are staying safe and healthy as we all practise physical distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

As you are aware, all schools in our province are currently closed and will remain so until further notice from our Minister of Education. Although schools were scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 6th, we have now learned that we will **not** be reopening on this date. At this time, we do not know when schools will reopen, but will keep you updated when we receive more information from the Ministry.

Although we are not in school, student learning continues to be a priority along with the safety, health, and well-being of our staff, students, and families. Supplementary learning resources for students to practise literacy and math skills are now available at the Ministry of Education's online portal [Learn at Home](#). There are several curriculum related links that you may also find useful on the TDSB's [student learning resources](#) webpage. These online resources will assist in keeping students learning and engaged during the school closure period.

We continue to focus on mental health and well-being, especially during these challenging times. We hope that everyone is able to get some physical exercise and enjoy the spring weather while practising physical distancing. Please note that our school playground and basketball courts have now been closed until further notice. In order to support student mental health and well-being, there are a number of [Mental Health and Well-Being Resources](#) available on the TDSB website.

As a board and staff, we continue to work diligently to ensure that student learning continues. This past week and next, we will be gathering information, assessing needs, and formulating plans about the continuation of learning. We will communicate with our families as soon as these plans are finalized.

Now more than ever, it is important that we stay connected as a community to support each other. Please regularly check the [TDSB website](#), which includes letters from our Director, Dr. John Malloy, and School Messenger for information and updates. Yesterday, you should have received a voicemail message and email regarding \$50 food cards for every student at St. Margaret's PS. It is important that you register online to be eligible for these food cards. You can also follow our school on Twitter at @tdsb_SMPS for more updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me directly at robin.tohana@tdsb.on.ca. You can also call the school at 416.396.6550 x 20010 and I will receive these calls or messages.

Thank you for patience and understanding while we work together to continue student learning while we prioritize mental health and well-being. We will get through this together!

Stay safe,

Ms. Robin Tohana
Principal