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Andrea Chisholm, Principal

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Dear Tom Longboat Families,

I hope you and your families are all well. At this time I wanted to pass along some additional information.

Ministry Updates

This is an unprecedented situation that we are all in together. We continue to want to support students, families and staff in whatever way possible under the circumstances. As you know, the Ministry has announced that schools will not reopen as originally planned on April 6, 2020. However, we do not yet have any additional information. As timelines are shared with us, I will communicate that with you.

School Playgrounds

On Wednesday afternoon, Toronto's Medical Officer of Health announced the closure of all city amenities including playgrounds, sports fields and basketball courts. The TDSB is therefore closing all of these amenities effective immediately. This will include Tom Longboat's playground, field areas, and paved play areas with our basketball hoops. Please ensure your children stay away from these areas to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Learning at Home - Reminders

A reminder that the Ministry of Education and the TDSB have provided additional online resources to support the Ministry's Phase 1 of learning at home:

- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>
- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Health-Active-Living/Coronavirus/Learning-Resources>

Communication with Teachers

Many of you may wish to communicate with our teachers. They are missing our students tremendously, and I am sure your children are missing their teachers and their regular school routine. Each teacher has a TDSB email account that they are able to access from home. Their specific email address is, first.lastname@tdsb.on.ca. If you are not sure of your

child's teacher's name, please email me at andrea.chisholm@tdsb.on.ca, and I will connect you directly with the teacher.

Next Steps

We have not yet received direction from the Ministry of Education as to how our teachers will be supporting students on a longer-term basis. The TDSB is currently gathering information, assessing needs, and formulating plans about the continuation of learning. As soon as we receive information, it will be communicated with you. Our Director of Education has sent several letters to date. You can reference these and other important information on the TDSB website: www.tdsb.on.ca. For now, please keep your children safe by staying home, reading with them 20 minutes each day, and reminding them of how to wash their hands properly for a minimum of 20 seconds.

I have continued email access during this time and can be reached at andrea.chisholm@tdsb.on.ca. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.

I will continue to keep you all informed as we move forward during this uncertain time. Please stay safe and healthy with your families.

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal
Tom Longboat Jr. PS