

April 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are likely aware, the provincial government announced yesterday that schools will not re-open to in-person learning after the April 2021 Spring Break. We understand that you may have questions related to what this means for your child(ren). Please know that we are working through the details and we will keep you informed.

School-based staff will be meeting virtually on the morning of April 19 and working to transition all of our students to remote learning. You/your child can expect to hear from your teacher(s) regarding remote learning plans in the afternoon on April 19.

Should you want your child to participate in online learning prior to hearing from your teacher, please be aware of some provincial resources that are available:

- [TVO Learn](#) and [TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison](#), which is geared toward elementary students; and
- TVO's [Independent Learning Centre \(ILC\) Open House](#) and [Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language](#), which provides access to Grade 9-12 courses designed to provide flexible learning opportunities to help students deepen their understanding of a specific subject.

At this time, we can confirm the following:

- Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will participate in remote learning following the break and will hear from their teacher on April 19 about remote learning plans for their class.
- Grade 9-12 students already have a planned remote learning day on April 19, and will continue to finalize their work for Quadmester 3. Quadmester 4 starts on April 20. Students will hear from their teachers on April 20 or before about remote learning plans for their classes in Quadmester 4.
- The Ministry of Education expects that daily student attendance will be recorded. We recognize that not all students will be able to participate fully in remote learning due to circumstances at home. Please discuss any attendance issues with your child's teacher or principal on April 19 or April 20.
- There will be no change to learning or attendance for those who are currently enrolled in the remote asynchronous model. Details about learning package pick up and material drop off will be shared with you by your school next week.

John McAllister
Chair

Stephen Sliwa
Director



- We are committed to ensuring that students with special education needs will be supported during this remote learning period. In-person learning may be possible for some students. **You will be contacted by your school should your child be a candidate for in-person learning during this remote learning period.**

More information about schedules, classes, attendance, loaner devices to support student learning will come from the school board and your school in the near future.

Questions related to child care should be directed to the service provider. [Here is a listing of all providers within our schools.](#)

Please stay safe for the remainder of the spring break and we will be in touch soon.

Sincerely,
Stephen Sliwa
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