



Office of the Director of Education

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Dear TCDSB Families:

The Provincial Government has just announced that schools will remain closed for the remainder of the year to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff.

We know that the further extension of school closures may come as disappointing news to many, however we also recognize that this decision was made out of an abundance of caution to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, our staff, and our community. This extended closure will provide the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) with time to plan for expanded summer learning programs and the safe reopening of schools in September. Further details about those plans will be shared with families once more information is available.

Please be assured that distance learning will continue until the end of June. We encourage students and families to reach out to their teacher(s) or to the school Principal with any questions about their child's learning, assignments, evaluation and assessment. Families are reminded to make sure the school has correct contact information (phone and email) on file for your child(ren) so that you can continue to receive updates. Supplementary learning resources are being continually updated and posted on the Board's website. This includes specific supports for exceptional students as well as mental health supports.

Given the extended school closure, all June events and permits will be cancelled. Where possible, some events and meetings will continue virtually. Please visit our website www.tcdsb.org for details.

We will continue to keep you informed about any further decisions or plans by the Provincial Government related to your child's learning including summer school and other summer learning programs that the Ministry announces.

We continue to pray for good health, strength and patience as we await the government's confirmation that we can safely begin the new school year back in our schools and offices.

As Pope Francis said in a recent homily: *"Always know in your heart that God is by your side; he never abandons you! Let us never lose hope! Let us never allow it to die in our hearts!"*

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rory McGuckin".

Rory McGuckin
Director of Education