



Office of the Director of Education

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may be aware, the Provincial Government just announced return to school plans for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year in September.

A few highlights from today's government announcement include:

- Elementary school children from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will attend schools 5 days per week, with one cohort for the full day, including recess and lunch.
- Secondary schools will open on an adaptive model, with class cohorts of approximately 15 students, attending on alternate days, or alternate schedules that would represent in person attendance for at least 50% of instructional days.
- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be encouraged but not required to wear masks in common spaces.
- Students in Grades 4-12 will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks while in school.
- Medical masks will be provided for teachers and all other school staff.
- For more information refer to the [Government's news release](#).

Recognizing that families are eager to know what they can expect for their child in September please be assured that the TCDSB is working with the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health to ensure a safe return to school for everyone. We will provide further information related to what this means for your child in the coming days.

All parents/guardians of elementary and secondary students will receive further communication next week requesting information about their intention to send their child(ren) to school in light of today's announcement.

We appreciate your support in ensuring the health and safety of everyone concerned.

Please remember that all the latest updates, learning resources, staff presentations on return to school models and answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the board's website at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/LearningatHome/Pages/Default.aspx>.

Sincerely,

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