



May 25, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know by now, <u>students will not be returning to their school building for classes this school year</u>. All of our staff who have the pleasure of working with your children are disappointed by this news, though we are not surprised by these developments. We appreciate the care and caution the provincial government is using to approach this decision. Since the announcement, we have been planning and preparing for what this means for our school board, now and into the fall.

Summer Learning

We are fully committed to supporting families with distance learning until the last day of school on June 26, and into the summer for summer learning programs for students who wish to participate.

Summer learning programs at the elementary level and secondary level are part of our usual program offerings. Our elementary summer learning programs will look different this year due to the fact we can't have them in person, but more information about this offering will be coming soon.

Registration for Summer Semester is currently open for our Grade 7 to 12 students. You can <u>get</u> <u>more information on this program</u> and its offering on our website. Contact your school to register.

Collection of Personal Items, Refunds, Reports

Access to schools to collect personal belongings, yearbooks, receiving refunds, distribution of reports cards are all top of mind for our families and it's top of mind for us too. We have 26,000 students that have items they will need to collect. We are working with our staff, the province and our local medical officers of health on the safest and more efficient way that we can do this. We expect to have more information for families regarding this by June 10 or before.

Updates K-8 Resources & Printed Materials

Our newest weekly activity menus are now on the website on our <u>Learn at Home webpage</u>. Please be sure to contact your teacher or school principal should you need any support with distance learning.

If access to the internet or a device is a barrier for your child to participate in distance learning, printed materials will be supplied. This applies to our elementary and secondary students. Please contact your school principal or teacher directly.

- Kindergarten Activities
- Gr. 1-3 Math Activities
- Gr. 1-3 Literacy Activities
- Gr. 4-6 Math Activities
- Gr. 4-6 Literacy Activities





- Gr. 7-8 Math Activities
- Gr. 7-8 Literacy Activities
- K-8 Health and Physical Education
- Alternative Learning Menu

Please continue to refer to our website for information pertaining to school operations, learn at home resources and well-being information. As well, please know that phone messages left in the general mailbox at your school are being picked up and your calls will be returned.

Please stay safe and keep well,

Stephen Sliwa Director of Education Upper Canada District School Board