



## Information Bulletin for Parents/Guardians January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Earlier today, the Ontario Premier announced that the Province of Ontario will enter a period of public health restrictions beginning on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Ministry of Education has directed that all elementary and secondary students who were attending face to face, will engage in remote learning from January 5<sup>th</sup> to January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Face to face students are expected to return to in-person instruction on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 subject to public health trends and operational considerations.

### What does this mean for the Elementary Remote Learning School?

For students who have been enrolled in the remote learning school, classes will resume on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, as scheduled.

### What does this mean for students who have been enrolled in-person classes?

- Remote learning will begin on **Wednesday/Thursday** of this week, **for K- 12 students**.
- Parents will be contacted by staff on January 5<sup>th</sup> with guidance on how to access the platform and when virtual learning will begin. Flexibility is required to deploy the required technology for students to access remote learning.
- Educators will connect online with their class every day.
- Students will follow their regular school timetable. This schedule includes start and end times, as well as recesses.
- In-person classes and transportation are anticipated to resume the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### What will Remote Learning look like?

- Approximately 60% of the instructional day will be synchronous learning for students in kindergarten and 40% will be delivered asynchronously.
- Approximately 75% of the instructional day will be synchronous learning for students in Grades 1-8, and 25% will be delivered asynchronously.
- Students in Grades 9-12 will receive approximately 80% of their course delivered synchronously and 20% asynchronously.
- Our educators will use their professional judgement to provide flexibility to students who cannot fully participate in synchronous learning.
- Teachers will continue to provide various learning experiences, not all of which will require online computer-related instruction.
- Assessment and evaluation will continue during the remote learning period.

### Student Supports

- Students with special education needs will continue to be supported by their classroom teacher in the online environment. Students that receive special education resource support or educational assistant support will receive similar supports in remote learning.
- On January 5<sup>th</sup>, teachers of special education system classes and kindergarten teachers of students with complex needs will contact parents to support their child's ability to participate in a remote learning environment.

### Mental Health Resources

Our School Mental Health team will be reaching out to students and families throughout the week of January 3<sup>rd</sup> to help provide resources and support. In addition, students and families can access further mental health resources, including Kids Help Phone, which offers 24/7 counselling and referral services across the province. To use this free resource, youths can call 1-800-668-6868, or text CONNECT to



686868. School Mental Health Ontario also has a number of great resources for students, parents and families on their website at [www.smho-smsso.ca](http://www.smho-smsso.ca).

### **Looking for Learning Resources?**

The Ministry of Education is providing two new portals developed by Ontario certified teachers. **TVO Learn** and **TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison**. Secondary students can access TVO's **Independent Learning Centre (ILC) Open House** and Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language, which provides access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses.

We also provide a rich array of supports and resources in our Learning Support Hub for parents and students, located at [SCDSB Learning Hub](#).

### **Student Transportation**

There will be no student transportation services for either elementary or secondary students from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **Extended Day Child Care Programs**

During this period, there will be no Extended Day Child Care Programs permitted in elementary schools.

### **Electronic Device Distribution**

Your school will contact you over the next two days to confirm whether your child requires a device to access remote learning. Devices will be deployed throughout the week.

We will continue to update families on our Board website. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and partnership and for working together to help keep everyone safe. Should you have any questions please reach out to your school.