



March 31, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you today to provide you with an update regarding school closures and other important information regarding our ALCDSB community.

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020 Premier Doug Ford announced that all school closures would be extended to May 4, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Premier of Ontario and Minister of Education also announced the launch of the second phase of *Learn at Home*. The second phase establishes clarity for parents/guardians, enhances education supports and creates opportunities for teachers and educators to connect with students.

The ALCDSB senior team is working collaboratively with administrators and educators to develop the next phase of learning in conjunction with the Ministry of Education. I will provide another update on what this learning plan will look like for our Board once we have received the Ministry directive.

Please read more information from the Province of Ontario:

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/ontario-extends-school-and-child-care-closures-to-fight-spread-of-covid-19.html>

We are committed to supporting the learning of students in all ALCDSB families during this time. Support may look different from board to board and across the province, but we appreciate your patience and understanding as we create, organize and share supports and resources to best support students in our Catholic school communities.

With this in mind, a questionnaire will be sent home to families later this week to assess our community's access to WIFI and technology. This questionnaire will be sent via School Messenger and will be found on the Board website.

Thank you to all parents/guardians for your patience and understanding during this time and your commitment to supporting your child's learning. Thank you to students for accepting the challenge of learning in a new environment.

Thank you to those who continue to work in health care and other essential services. Your commitment to our community is evident and we must all continue to work together to stay positive and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

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David DeSantis
Director of Education

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

