

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a follow up to the email I sent you yesterday, I am writing to provide additional updates for parents and families as we continue to work together in light of the extended school closures due to COVID-19.

Letter from Minister of Education

As you know, on March 31st, the Minister of Education announced that publicly-funded schools in Ontario will not reopen to students until Monday, May 4, 2020. Outlined in Minister Lecce's letter are the expectations for teacher-led distance learning. [Read the open letter to parents from Minister Lecce.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

I invite parents and students to visit our Board's website and view our updated [FAQ](#), which highlights a number of items, including curriculum expectations in a teacher-led distance learning environment, access to technology, special education accommodations, and information related to assessments and report cards.

This document will continue to be updated as we receive more information. Hopefully it will answer some of your questions related to what the days and weeks ahead may bring.

We know our students and parents will continue to have many questions. We are committed to communicating with you on a regular basis as we work through these challenging times.

Information & Updates

We will continue to share new information directly with parents by email. All of our communications and updates regarding this school closure due to COVID-19 are posted on our Board's website at: bit.ly/COVID-19Updates-HCDSB

In the coming days, we will continue to work with our educators to support them in meeting the needs of all of our learners.

As always, I hold all our staff, students and families in my thoughts and prayers. Please continue to follow the recommendations and advice of our [Public Health](#) professionals. Stay well, as you take good care of your loved ones.

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