

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that this afternoon we received official notice that the Ministry of Education has **extended the school closure period for all schools in Ontario until at least May 31, 2020.**

[Read the Ministry's press release here](#)

The decision to further extend the school closures has been made in the province's ongoing efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The Ministry has indicated they will continue to monitor the evolving situation and if necessary, the closure may be extended further to protect the health and safety of Ontario's school communities.

In addition to the extension of the school closures, the Ministry also noted that **all remaining Professional Activity (PA) Days and exam days will be replaced with instructional days.**

The Ministry's memo also refers to the **introduction of an expanded summer learning program** that will focus on credit recovery, supports for vulnerable students, and course upgrading. At this time, we do not have any additional information, but we will continue to share any new updates with you as they become available.

As always, I will continue to share important information with you directly by email. We will also keep posting updates on your school website, as well on our Learn at Home website at: <https://bit.ly/HCDSB-COVID-19-Updates>

Please continue to follow the recommendations and advice of our [Public Health](#) professionals to keep yourselves and your families healthy and safe.

I continue to hold all our students and families in my thoughts and prayers. Stay well, as you take good care of your loved ones.

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