



NEWS RELEASE

Actions Taken by NCDSB in Covid-19 Pandemic

March 13, 2020

The Ontario Government has ordered a closure of all schools effective Saturday, March 14, 2020 until Sunday, April 5, 2020. This two-week isolation period following the March Break is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All NCDSB schools and the Board Office will be closed to students and staff during this time of ordered closure.

NCDSB is implementing the necessary contingency plans to ensure the continuity of essential services, and we have a cleaning strategy planned as well. All NCDSB facilities will undergo a thorough cleaning during this time period.

The Ministry of Education intends to have online learning resources available to families during the two-week isolation period. Once we receive more information, we will post it to the Board's website for your reference and use.

Finally, please know that the Board has no information about how this ordered school closure might affect the school year calendar, if at all. It is too premature for any such details to be shared with our stakeholders.

Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education, commented "We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back to school on Monday, April 6, 2020. Until that time, we encourage you to remain vigilant regarding hand hygiene and cough / sneeze etiquette. Be sure to follow all Public Health guidance and directives and monitor our Board website for updates and information during the period of ordered school closure. We pray for all those around the world who are impacted by COVID-19 and those responsible for their care. Be safe, stay healthy, and take good care of each other."

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