



May 19, 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 student learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020 Premier Doug Ford announced that students in Ontario would not be returning to school in June, 2020. We acknowledge that this news is disheartening for many, but the Ontario government has made this decision to protect the health and safety of all students and staff during the COVID-19 outbreak. This decision was made in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, health experts on the COVID-19 Command Table, and medical experts at the Hospital for Sick Children.

The Ontario government is also planning for the reopening of schools for the 2020/2021 school year and the gradual reopening of child care, subject to the continuing progress in trends of key public health indicators.

We understand that these extended closures are difficult for families within our Catholic school community; however, we remain committed to supporting our students and families to the best of our ability.

Educators and school staff will continue to reach out to support students during at home learning. All updates with respect to school closures, mental health resources, learning supports and other information can be found on the board website at www.alcdsb.on.ca

Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce have announced that additional plans to support students in the Fall will be released at a later date in June.

The health and safety of our students, staff and greater community remain a priority for ALCDSB. Please continue to follow the advice of our public health officials and stay well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. DeSantis".

David DeSantis
Director of Education