



March 16, 2020

Dear ALCDSB families and staff,

Today, Prime Minister Trudeau announced measures that impact Canadian borders and restrict movement. The Prime Minister has been clear that these unprecedented measures are to support the public health efforts to reduce the spread of Covid-19. We appreciate that this information is difficult to process. This is a time to live out the message of the Good Samaritan told by Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. As a Catholic learning community, we need to care for the most vulnerable.

The health and wellbeing of all Board students, staff, volunteers and community members is a priority for the Board. We advise and support all members of our community taking care of themselves and their families. Please follow the directions of public health and the government of Canada to ensure the wellbeing of yourself, your family and your community.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together with our partners in public health and other community agencies across our Catholic school system to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone. As you are aware, this situation is changing hourly. Our senior team continues to meet regularly to review the Board's response to this pandemic and its impact on our Catholic school system.

The Board will be closely monitoring the Ministry of Education's website and information will be shared with our school communities via school and board websites, social media and other forms of communications available. Please check the board website, www.alcddb.on.ca, regularly. We have created a page dedicated to COVID-19 updates. We appreciate the fear and anxiety are a factor and we have provided additional supports on the board website so that we can care for each other.

Please be safe, calm and respectful to each other as we navigate this ordeal together. Let us pray for the front-line health care workers and professionals, and for those in our community who are most at-risk.

May God bless you and your families.

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

David DeSantis
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