

Dear OCDSB Families,

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced the closure of all public schools from March 14 through to April 5, 2020. This unprecedented decision was made to help reduce the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In addition to the cancellation of all classes, the following will apply:

### **Child Care Programs and EDP**

All child care programs and services, including Extended Day programs, third-party programs, infant, toddler and preschool programs, LINC, and EarlyOn Child and Family Centres will be closed from March 14 to April 5, inclusive.

### **Community Use of Schools**

All Community Use of Schools permits for the period March 14 to April 5 will be cancelled. This will include March Break programs and camps.

### **Continuing Education**

All continuing education programs and classes are cancelled during this period, including ESL/LBS, International and Indigenous Languages, Night School, and Literacy and Numeracy Programs.

### **School Council Meetings and Evening Events**

All school council meetings and evening events hosted by the school are cancelled during this period.

### **Field Trips**

All field trips, including international trips, for the closure period are cancelled or postponed. All international and out-of-town trips will be cancelled until April 30, 2020. Day field trips for the week following the closure period (April 6 to 10) will be cancelled or postponed.

### **School Buildings during the Closure Period**

All school buildings will be closed to students and members of the public during this period.

### **Co-op, Dual Credit, OYAP and SWAC Programs**

Student remote learning programs such as dual credit, co-op, OYAP and school within a college programming are closed to students for this period. We are working with partners and will confirm changes, if any, with students.

### **eLearning**

The Virtual Learning Environment will remain accessible to students in eLearning programs as it is during holidays.

### **DELTA**

The spring DELTA assessment, both oral and written components scheduled from April 6-29<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

### **OSSLT**

The Province has announced that OSSLT has been cancelled.

### **Extra-curricular activities**

All extra-curricular activities, including The Cappies, are cancelled.

## **Administrative Buildings**

The Administration Building and 440 Albert will be closed to the public from March 23 to April 5. Access will be limited during the week of March 16-22.

We know you may still have additional questions, such as what impact this extended closure will have on the school year. We will be certain to share more information as soon as it's available.

During the next few weeks, it is recommended that you check your email and the OCDSB website regularly. Also, please have your child check their OCDSB email regularly as well.

We encourage all families to follow the guidelines provided by [Ottawa Public Health](#). This is a challenging period for everyone, please take care of yourself and each other.