

Parent Involvement Committee



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Director's Report

As you know, since our last meeting, Ontario schools have been directed to pivot to remote learning, except for those students with complex special education needs who need to learn in person. At this time there is no indication when schools may be permitted to return to in person learning. In the meantime we continue to work closely with OPH to ensure that those sites with students learning in person are operating safely, and to prepare for a return to in person learning by supporting staff vaccination efforts.

Last week the Ministry made a series of announcements pertaining to what schools will look like in September. We all want to return to regular operations, but we do have to plan with safety in mind. While we plan for more students to return in person, parents, students and staff should expect that in September, many of the COVID safety protocols such as cohorting of students and efforts to limit the number of contacts will continue to be in place. We hope to resume regular activities incrementally as the health guidelines and provincial directives allow. The Ministry indicated that more specific guidelines pertaining to safety will be released in the summer.

Secondary report cards were released in a new way through an email with a link sent to parents. Initial reports suggest that parents found this system for distributing report cards more easily accessible and the intention is to continue with this method for the remainder of the year for both elementary and secondary schools.

Commencement planning continues for June 2021. Given the current stay at home order and the uncertainty around when a return to in person

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learning may occur or what it may look like, we are prioritizing the planning of a virtual ceremony that captures many of the elements that we have heard from students and parents are most important to them. More information to come in the coming weeks.