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MESSAGE FROM THE DPCDSB BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is having a significant impact both locally and on a global scale. During this unprecedented time, while schools and offices are closed, DPCDSB Trustees and DPCDSB staff have transitioned to working remotely from our homes, holding virtual meetings and teleconferences, while continuing to care for, and keep our school communities informed.

We are taking direction from our public health authorities and the Ministry of Education. Our Director of Education, along with other Directors, is in frequent contact with Ministry of Education staff and with our DPCDSB system leaders, through conference calls and webcasts. Our Chair and Vice Chair have taken part in one conference call with the Minister of Education to date, with more calls expected. We continue to be available to help parents/guardians and students and encourage you to contact us by phone or email, as always. For contact information, visit the Trustee Page on the DPCDSB website.

And, while our churches are closed, our school communities may attend daily Mass on TV. For more information, visit the <u>Archdiocese of Toronto website</u>.

The Ministry of Education has posted learning and curriculum resources online on its <u>Learn at Home</u> <u>website</u>. DPCDSB has provided a link to the Ministry Resources as well as DPCDSB learning resources on the <u>DPCDSB Online Learning Resources webpage</u>. This page includes Religious Education resources, and links to mental health resources for students and parents/guardians.

Tomorrow, our Director of Education will be sending a letter to the DPCDSB community, providing an update on various matters, including the work taking place to continue student learning.

Information is changing rapidly. We will continue to forward you our Community Information Bulletins as new information comes forward. All our communications and links to resources related to the COVID-19 Pandemic are posted on our <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information</u> page of the DPCDSB website.

We will also continue to share updates and information through our social media feeds and we encourage you to follow the DPCDSB on Twitter (@DPCDSBSchools), Facebook (@DPCDSBSchools) and Instagram (@dpcdsb.schools).

May God bless everyone in our DPCDSB communities as we all do our part in the global fight against COVID-19 by practicing self-isolation and social distancing.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Board of Trustees