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DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As this extraordinary school year comes to an end, we must now turn our attention to the planning details for re-entry to school in September 2020. We know that there are many questions and concerns to address. To this end, we remain committed to sharing information with you as it becomes available.

Last week, the Minister of Education, Mr. Stephen Lecce, released some general guidelines and directives to help school boards begin their re-entry planning which may be found at <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-prepares-for-the-safe-reopening-of-schools.html> and <https://www.ontario.ca/page/approach-reopening-schools-2020-2021-school-year>.

All district school boards are expected to prepare for three possible scenarios:

- a) A full return to conventional, regular classroom instruction with enhanced public health protocols;
- b) A continuation of at-home learning with ongoing enhanced remote delivery; and
- c) A modified school day routine based on smaller class sizes, cohorting and alternative day or week delivery with enhanced public health protocols.

Our Sudbury Catholic District School Board team continues to work diligently at addressing potential issues and developing solutions and strategies that will help keep our students and staff safe upon their re-entry to school. We will work over the summer to consult with our various stakeholders to ensure that our plans address multiple situations and concerns. We expect that the final re-entry plans and protocols will be shared with our families in mid-August. You are encouraged to visit our board website often to stay informed of our progress.

As part of our re-entry planning, we are also working through the complexities of student transportation. We anticipate a significant reduction in the number of students who will access the school bus. Currently, we understand that a regular school bus during this pandemic can only have a maximum of 24 riders. Families are being encouraged to consider alternate modes of transportation for their children, wherever possible.

To assist with our planning, we are reaching out to our families to learn about your intentions for your child's return to school, should we be permitted to return to regular classroom instruction in September. We fully appreciate the uncertainties that you may have at this moment, but having a sense of where you stand at this time would be very helpful in our planning. The information you provide in this survey will be used to determine class arrangements, student transportation requirements as well as before & after childcare needs.

As the continuation of full online learning may be one of the scenarios for the fall, we would also like to gather your thoughts on how the most recent Learn @ Home experience has been for you and your child(ren) as this will help us to enhance the delivery of our programs.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete this short survey by clicking on this link:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=b-qhNHG3tkadCkfT-aCuXaFOaUFbIMpFm3MAWCnoMHBURURCQIFBWERVRIIYREJMNE9QWDFWTkNQNS4u>

We are including the survey questions below, so that you know what to expect when you click on the link. The survey should take you less than five minutes. **Kindly complete one survey for every child who is a registered student in a Sudbury Catholic school.** The survey will be open until Friday, July 3, 2020.

SURVEY

NAME OF STUDENT(S) – indicate first name and last name of student

NAME OF SCHOOL – choose from the list of schools

GRADE IN SEPTEMBER – indicate the grade

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Please choose the statement that best describes your intentions for your child in September 2020, if schools are re-opened:

- ☐ My child will physically attend school should a full return be instituted in September 2020.
- ☐ My child will physically attend school should a modified school day be instituted in September 2020.
- ☐ My child will NOT physically attend school in September 2020 and will participate remotely.
- ☐ Unsure at this time.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

- ☐ I will make my own alternate arrangements to transport my child to and from school.
- ☐ My child will take the school bus.
- ☐ My child is a walker and is not eligible for a regular school bus.

LEARN @ HOME EXPERIENCE

With respect to the most recent experience with the online learn @ home model, what worked best for you and your child(ren)?

With respect to the most recent experience with the online learn @ home model, what can we do to improve our online learn @ home model for you and your child(ren)?

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

Will you require before and after school childcare (fee paying)?

Yes
No
Maybe

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and for all of your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

The SCDSB Senior Administrative Team