

Information Bulletin for Parents/Guardians April 13, 2021

We have been informed by the Ministry of Education that in consultation with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health they have determined that elementary and secondary school students, province-wide will participate in remote learning following the April Break. The decision is made based on the current situation across Ontario communities where cases are rising quickly, and the new COVID-19 variants pose a serious threat.

For the Sudbury and Districts this means a continuation of remote learning at this time. The government will continue to listen to the advice of public health experts and will advise us once a safe return to in-person learning is recommended.

Remote Learning

- Approximately 75% of the instructional day will be synchronous learning for students in Grades 1-8, and 25% will be delivered asynchronously.
- Students in Grades 9-12 will receive approximately 80% of their course delivered synchronously and 20% asynchronously.
- Our educators will use their professional judgement to provide flexibility to students who cannot fully participate in synchronous learning.
- Teachers will continue to provide various learning experiences, not all of which will require online computer-related instruction.
- Assessment continues during the remote learning period.

Student Supports

- Students with special education needs will continue to be supported by their classroom teacher in the online environment. Students that receive resource or educational assistant support in person will continue to receive similar supports in remote learning.
- On April 19, teachers of special education system classes will contact parents to support their child's ability to continue to participate in a remote learning environment.

Mental Health Resources

Our School Mental Health team will continue to reach out to students and families throughout the remote learning period to help provide resources and support. In addition, students and families can access further mental health resources, including Kids Help Phone, which offers 24/7 counselling and referral services across the province. To use this free resource, youths can call 1-800-668-6868, or text CONNECT to 686868. School Mental Health Ontario also has a number of great resources for students, parents and families on their website at www.smho-smso.ca.

Looking for Learning Resources?

The Ministry of Education recently announced the launch of two new portals, [TVO Learn](#) and [TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison](#), which provide supports for students learning remotely by accessing additional educational resources developed by Ontario certified teachers.

In addition, secondary students can continue to access TVO's [Independent Learning Centre \(ILC\) Open House](#) and [Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language](#), which provide access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses. These ILC resources are designed to provide flexible learning opportunities to help students keep up with their learning or deepen their understanding of a specific subject.

[Eurêka](#) is a service available to French-language students and families that provides resources and supports for all subjects, Grades 1-12.

We also provide a rich array of supports and resources in our Learning Support Hub for parents and students, located at [SCDSB Learning Hub](#).

Extended Day Programs

During the remote learning period, there will be no Extended Day Programs permitted in elementary schools.

Child Care Centres in Schools

Emergency child-care is available for health care and frontline workers through the City of Greater Sudbury.

We will continue to update families on our Board website and remain available to you should you have any questions or require any supports. We thank you for your ongoing cooperation and partnership and for working together to help keep everyone safe. Should you have any questions please reach out to your school beginning on April 19, 2021 upon our return from the April Break.