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Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued patience and collaboration as we returned to school virtually after the holidays.

We are pleased to share that the Ministry of Education has officially announced that schools will reopen for in-person learning for all students on Monday, January 17, 2022.

We will continue to work very hard to keep schools open.

We are anticipating staff shortages due to isolation requirements. Families should be prepared to shift to remote learning if we do not have enough staff for a classroom or school.

School Screening Tool

All students learning in-person **must confirm** that they have passed the [school screening tool](#) each day.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 and students in High Support Programs are to arrive at school with confirmation of the passed screening tool. Families may send the result of the screening tool to the teacher via email or other classroom communication platform. Families may also request hard copies of the screening tool from the school.

Students in Grades 4 to 12 will provide confirmation of the passed screening tool to their classroom Teacher on their board-issued device.

Mask Requirements

All DSB1 students, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, must wear a mask indoors at all times, except when eating and drinking.

Educators in Kindergarten classrooms will provide appropriate mask breaks for students as required.

The Ministry of Education has ordered high quality three-ply cloth masks for students. These will be distributed to students. Although these are not mandatory, we do encourage students to utilize them as they will provide a higher level of protection compared to one or two-ply masks.

Hybrid Learning Model

Families may request a change in mode of learning by completing [this form](#) and submitting it to the school Principal for consideration. For this one time, families can make a request for remote learning and do not need to identify any of the criteria on the form.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesleigh Dye".

Lesleigh Dye
Director of Education