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Dear Families,

[Today, the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Education announced](#) that all Ontario schools will move to distance learning starting on Monday, April 19, 2021.

This decision has been made in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants, and the massive spike in hospital admissions.

On Monday, April 19, 2021, your child's teacher will connect with students and post work to be done independently. Starting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, students will be expected to engage in synchronous learning with their class.

Students in High-Support Classrooms who cannot be accommodated for distance learning will be welcome in our schools starting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. High Support Classroom teachers will confirm these arrangements with families on Monday, April 19, 2021.

We understand this is a challenging situation for many families and students. Our Mental Health Team remains available to work with students remotely. If you feel your child may benefit from supports, please reach out to the school on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Thank you for continuing to help limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Sincerely,

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

Lesleigh Dye
Director of Education