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Dear parents and guardians,

As a preventative measure, the Government of Ontario announced that all students will move to remote learning on April 19, 2021. As per the Ontario Government's [Operational Guidance: COVID-19 Management in Schools](#), school boards are required to support a transition to remote learning within 24 hours of a school closure. Given the announcement on April 12 and the week of April 12-16 being the Spring Break, **teacher-led remote learning for all students and staff in the region will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.** There will be no remote learning offered on Monday, April 19. Starting remote learning on April 20 will allow time for all staff to prepare for the shift to remote learning, as well as arranging device distribution to students who do not have their devices. This also allows staff to arrange for in-person learning for Special Education students who require it.

As per the Ministry of Education requirements for remote learning, instruction will involve the following:

- For students in Kindergarten, a minimum of 180 minutes of direct online instruction daily.
- For students in Grades 1 to 8, a minimum of 225 minutes of direct online instruction daily.

The commencement of classes will follow your child's regular school timetable and attendance will be taken. Students are expected to attend their classes remotely. Please note that classes will resume remotely for all students April 20, 2021. If you struggle with Internet connectivity, you may be able to receive a device to help. Please contact your child's school on the morning of April 19, 2021 with your request for a device or hotspot.

While elementary and secondary panels are learning remotely, regular school bus services will not be provided. Bussing will resume when students return to in-person learning.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we continue to work to ensure everyone's safety. If you have any questions or concerns, our school staff will be available by phone or email on April 19.

God Bless,

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