

March 24, 2020

Dear SCDSB Families,

From our staff and the Board of Trustees, we sincerely hope that you are remaining healthy during this time. We want to assure you that we will be doing everything in our power to ensure the success of all of our students should this period of school closures continue.

We know that our families have many questions about their children's education during these unprecedented times, especially now that the March Break has ended. We remain committed to keeping you as informed as possible.

As a first phase of offering educational support for students and families while schools are closed due to COVID-19, the Ministry of Education has launched [Learn at Home](#). This new online portal contains resources for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, with a focus on math and literacy. This phase of learning will be in place until April 5.

Over the next two weeks, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) staff will be working to establish a plan for our students' continuity of learning. During this two week period, SCDSB educators will be contacting you to check-in, and determine the best method for communicating with our students, should we move forward with phase two after April 5.

We want to assure you that the health and well-being of our students and staff remains our top priority. We are in regular contact with our local health authority, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and continue to take their direction on all matters related to COVID-19. Recognizing that these are difficult times, and children may have a range of emotions, School Mental Health Ontario has provided resources to help support positive mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Please visit our website to access these resources](#).

The situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario is fluid and evolving daily. As new information becomes available, we are sharing updates on our website (www.scdsb.on.ca/covid-19) and on social media (Twitter: @SCDSB_Schools or Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCDSB).

Sincerely,



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Chairperson of the Board



Steve Blake
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