

Dear SCDSB Families,

On July 30, the Premier's Office announced that all publicly funded schools in Ontario will reopen in September. In the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 will return under a conventional school day model subject to cohorting/timetabling considerations, and enhanced public health protocols. As such, SCDSB schools and adult learning centres will reopen to students on the first day of school, September 8, 2020.

The SCDSB works closely with and takes our direction from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), on all matters related to public health. The SCDSB return to school plan has been developed in consultation with the SMDHU to ensure that measures are in place to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff.

In June 2020, the SCDSB conducted a consultation with students and parents/guardians to learn what important factors should be considered in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year. We received feedback from over 1,500 students and 7,800 parents/guardians. Your feedback has helped us in the development of our return to school plans. As a direct result, we have created a parent/guardian support platform, accessible through the SCDSB website, that will launch on September 1, 2020. This platform will include self-help tools and resources, as well as access to SCDSB staff who will provide individualized support related to technology, learning platforms, curriculum, mental health and special education needs.

At this time, we require more information from parents/guardians regarding your child(ren's) individual circumstances. In the coming days, you will receive a survey from the SCDSB. Please complete the survey so that we can best prepare for your child(ren's) education in September.

We know that you will have many questions regarding the return to school plan. We will be finalizing our plans in consultation with the Ministry of Education and the SMDHU, and will provide a detailed overview, including information about health and safety, mental health and well-being and transportation, as soon as details are finalized.

The [2020-21 school year calendar](#) is available on our website. Please note that some dates on the calendar may be subject to change.

We are committed to keeping you informed. For ongoing access to information and updates please visit the [COVID-19 page on our website](#) or follow us on social media (Twitter: @SCDSB_Schools or Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCDSB).