



York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, the Ontario Ministry of Education announced that all schools in York, Peel, Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor-Essex will remain closed to in-person learning until February 10, 2021. As a result, all York Catholic elementary schools will remain closed and students will continue to participate in online remote learning during this time.

The government is further deferring the return to in-person learning in elementary and secondary schools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, after releasing new modeling numbers earlier today that predict significant increases in daily case counts and community transmission rates.

- All **elementary and secondary schools** will be closed to students until February 10, 2021.
- **All students** will participate in online learning during this time.
- Schools are **expected to reopen** to students for in-person learning on February 10, 2021.
- **Before and after care programs** will not operate while schools are closed to students.
- For **child care programs**, please check with your child care provider.

Exceptional Learners

For students whose significant needs cannot be accommodated with online learning, provisions for in-person learning previously communicated will continue.

Resources for Families

Parents/guardians looking for additional resources, including assistance on how to navigate virtual classrooms such as Google Classroom and Brightspace D2L, can visit the [Parent Resources](#) section of the Board's website. The Ministry has also made available some online resources on the following Ministry and TVO/TFO websites: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>, [TVO Learn](#) and [TFO IDÉOLO, apprendre à la maison](#).

Technical Support

Families looking for technical support during remote online learning are encouraged to visit our Call Centre website <http://help.ycdsb.ca/vle>.

Mental Health and Well-Being

The mental health and well-being of students continues to be important during these challenging times. If you are concerned about your child's emotional well-being, please contact your child's principal. Mental health professionals are available for assistance, and resources are also available on the [Mental Health and Well-Being page](#) of the Board's website. You can also stay up to date on what the Mental Health Team is providing by following them on Twitter [@YCDSB_MH](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We will continue to share updates and information as they become available. For information and updates please follow the Board on Twitter [@YCDSB](#) or visit: www.ycdsb.ca

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Battista". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Battista
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