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Dear Parents/Caregivers:

As we near the last week of school, I would like to take this opportunity to extend gratitude for all your efforts to support your child's/children's continuity of learning during this current pandemic. While our educators have worked hard to transition to remote learning and our community partners have provided welcomed additional support with childcare and food services, we also recognize parents'/caregivers' involvement in supporting learning while working from home or managing a myriad of other critical challenges during this pandemic.

We acknowledge that most students have engaged with remote learning as best as they could, given their personal circumstances. In recognizing this unprecedented time in public education, the Ministry of Education has stated, "Teachers may not have the same amount of information about student learning as in a normal school year and therefore may not be able to provide the same amount of detailed feedback. Feedback may be based on learning prior to spring break and, where appropriate, learning post-spring break."

When you receive your summative year-end reports for your child/children, the following statement will be included on each student's summative yearend report:

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, teaching and learning has continued within a context of diverse circumstances for students, families, and educators. Teachers have used their professional judgement to determine a final grade/assessment for each student by considering the assessment data available for each learner. As a result, year-end reporting may be more heavily based on learning that was done prior to the suspension of in-class instruction."

An overall final year-end mark and/or comment will be provided for each course your student was enrolled.

At this time, we are planning for the hopeful return of students to regular class instruction in the fall. We look forward to welcoming each student back and, as we always have done, we will meet each learner where they are, differentiating instruction and supports, to ensure student success.

More information will be forthcoming, in late August, as we prepare for the return of students. In the meantime, I wish each family health and happiness over the summer months.

Be safe. Be kind.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaardal,
Superintendent of Schools/CEO