

April 5, 2021

#### **Dufferin County Schools to be Directed to Switch to Remote Learning Effective Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

This evening, the Directors of Education of school boards within the jurisdiction of Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) were called to a meeting with the WDGPH Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Nicola Mercer, who has advised that she will be issuing an order tomorrow directing school boards in WDGPH's jurisdiction to switch to remote only learning effective Wednesday, April 7. Dr. Mercer further advised the directors that they could share this information in advance of the issuance of the order to provide parents/guardians with extra time to make any plans required. The tentative return to in-person learning is Monday, April 19, following the mid-April break. However, this return date will be re-evaluated by WDGPH closer to that date and is subject to change.

This affects the DPCDSB's St. Andrew, St. Benedict and St. Peter Catholic elementary schools in Orangeville.

Earlier today, schools in the Region of Peel were ordered by the Peel Medical Officer of Health to switch to remote learning effective tomorrow, April 6.

#### **Here's what parents/guardians and students in DPCDSB's Dufferin County schools need to know:**

- All Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools located in Dufferin County (St. Andrew, St. Benedict and St. Peter Catholic elementary schools) will switch to remote learning effective Wednesday, April 7. This includes self-contained special education classes and programs.
- Students who require learning devices or learning resources should contact their school directly by email or phone. School contact information is located on the DPCDSB website at [dpcdsb.org](http://dpcdsb.org).
- The remote learning school day will mirror the in-person school day in terms of starting and closing bell times, live instruction, and class schedules.
- Before and After School programs are cancelled during the remote learning period.
- Childcare centres will remain open. Please contact your childcare provider for any changes to their programming.
- We will continue to communicate with parents/guardians during the remote-only learning period, both centrally through the DPCDSB and locally, through your child's school.

Thank you for your attention to this important message. We ask that you please continue to monitor DPCDSB communications for further updates as they become available and do not hesitate to reach out to your child(ren)'s school if you have any questions.

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