

February 10, 2022

Dear Families,

On December 30, 2021, the Ministry of Education advised school boards that based on the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH), Dr. Kieran Moore, all schools were to put a pause on extra-curricular activities, high impact/high intensity indoor sports, as well as any cross-cohort rehearsal or performance of wind instrument ensembles or choirs.

We are pleased to advise that the Ministry of Education has announced today, in alignment with the Reopening Ontario (*A Flexible Response to COVID-19*) Act, 2020 (ROA) expectations around community-based youth recreation, that schools will be allowed to resume high-contact sports and extra-curricular activities effective immediately. This decision has been made with the full support of the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health.

To that end, please be advised that effective Friday, February 11, all elementary and secondary schools are permitted to resume all extra-curricular activities, all athletics, and the use of weight and fitness rooms in secondary schools.

Schools will be activating their local programming of these activities in the coming days.

If you have any questions, please direct them to your local school.