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On January 18, we distributed a letter to parents and guardians from Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore and Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce that referred to vaccine clinics to take place in specific schools (to be selected by local Public Health Units and School Boards) during the school day, with a focus on children aged 5-11. The letter referred to a consent form that parents would receive that would provide the public health unit with the authority to administer the vaccine to their child at a school-based vaccination clinic.

While DPCDSB continues to work closely with our public health authorities and will be coordinating vaccine clinics during school hours at some of our schools, we have taken a slightly different approach in that any parent/guardian who chooses to have their 5–11-year-old child receive a vaccine at any such clinic in a DPCDSB school will be required to accompany their child.

At this point, we are in dialogue with our public health units to determine which schools would host such clinics but wanted to let you know in advance that any parent/guardian who wishes for their child to be vaccinated at a school-based clinic would have to accompany their child.

Thank you for your attention to this item as we continue to keep you informed on school-related matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

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