



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK  
CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## Update for Families – May 19, 2020

Today's announcement from the Premier to extend the closure of Ontario publicly funded schools to the end of the 2019-20 school year enables us to move forward, as a system, and plan how the next six weeks will look for students and families.

"It is unfortunate that this global health crisis has impacted so many and we do hope that, above all, everyone remains healthy and safe," said Chair of the Board, Rick Petrella. "Our students are our future and we know, however hard it is to hear that we are not returning before the end of June, everyone will remain strong and support each other. Please continue to follow the advice of public health and trust that our faith will provide us what we need to get through this together. The Trustees and I send a message of hope to our students and families and want them to know that, when it is safe, our schools will be sanitized, safe and ready to open and welcome everyone back."

BHNCDSB staff will continue to operate within the parameters set out by our public health officials including adhering to physical distancing. Our Continuity of Learning plan is well underway, and teachers will continue to provide learning through established processes that began on April 6, 2020.

"Over the next few weeks, staff will be releasing plans that address items such as access to schools, final report cards, Kindergarten orientations, summer learning, and many other items that I know families are eager to hear about," said Director of Education, Mike McDonald. "We are working closely with staff and the Ministry of Education to ensure that although we are not physically returning to our buildings, student learning will continue."

Together, the Trustees and staff extend a special thank you to everyone for your role in the continuation of the 2019-20 school year. Your dedication and commitment to the education of our students has been the foundation of the endurance, innovation and success of our new way of teaching and learning.

As the Board finalizing plans, they will be shared with families. Please expect regular updates and new information as we move towards the end of June.

Rick Petrella, Chair of the Board

Mike McDonald, Director of Education