

FAQs regarding School Closures (March 14-April 5)

For Parents/Students

1. Do I need to report my child's absence?

Do not report absences from March 14-April 5. Resume reporting once schools reopen, which we anticipate will be Monday, April 6, 2020. Note: your child will not be recorded as absent and we are awaiting confirmation from the Ministry on the code.

2. Will my child be able to graduate?

At this time, we do not anticipate the two-week closure will impact graduation. The Ministry of Education is working with universities and colleges regarding mark submissions and more information will be shared once available.

3. Will the school year be extended?

We do not have any information at this time. The decision would need to be made by the Provincial Government.

4. Will OSSLTs be postponed?

The March 31 scheduled date is cancelled. The Ministry of Education has indicated that the literacy test graduation requirement will be waived this year for grade 12 students.

5. Will Grade 3 and 6 EQAO testing be impacted?

The Ministry of Education has indicated that EQAO assessments will be cancelled for this year.

6. Will permits be cancelled?

Yes, all permits will be cancelled until April 6.

7. Will childcare centres, Early ON and before-and-after school programs be cancelled?

Yes. All licensed child care centres, Early ON and before-and-after school programs operating in TCDSB schools will be closed. If your child is in a childcare centre elsewhere, please inquire with your childcare provider.

8. How will my child keep up with their learning?

We are hoping to have curriculum-linked resources for each grade available shortly. Once available, these resources will be posted on the TCDSB homepage. We are also awaiting additional information from the Ministry of Education related to online learning resources for students.

9. What is the TCDSB doing to ensure that schools are safe when they reopen?

Custodial staff are conducting a thorough disinfection of schools during the March break so that all schools are clean and ready on April 6. TCDSB also has sufficient supplies to continue with enhanced cleaning and disinfection for the duration of the school year. Hand sanitizers will also be provided at the front office for visitors to all schools.

10. Will Adult and Continuing Education classes and International Language programs continue?

Out of an abundance of caution, all programs are being cancelled and are expected to resume on April 6.

11. Will the Catholic Education Centre and field offices remain open?

Out of an abundance of caution, the Catholic Education Centre, and TCDSB East and West facilities will be closed to the public with the exception of limited pre-identified staff/access. All

academic field offices will also be closed. If you need to get in touch with someone, please email them as staff will continue to regularly monitor their emails.