



January 13, 2021

Dear TCDSB Families:

As you may know, the Government of Ontario has [announced](#) that all publicly funded schools in Toronto **will not return to in-person instruction until February 10, 2021**. As a result, elementary and secondary schools will continue to accommodate remote learning for students enrolled in in-person learning.

The health and safety of students and staff remain our primary focus as we continue to follow the guidance of Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of Education. We understand the critical need to follow the direction of medical experts and health officials to curb the continued spread of COVID-19.

Please be assured that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) remains committed to providing the best possible education for all students, and instruction standards will continue as previously communicated.

Students with Special Education Needs: School staff will continue to check and connect with families to see how they can best support these students.

Student Devices: For families who have a child in need of device for remote learning, please contact the school principal. Equitable distribution of devices will be based on student need.

Before and After School Programs: All before and after school, authorized recreation programs will be closed to school age children and will resume when elementary schools return to in-person learning.

Emergency Child Care: Child care services for kindergarten and school-aged children of eligible essential workers will be available during this provincially-mandated remote learning period. The service is free and funded by the Province of Ontario. Visit Toronto.ca for more information about [Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers](#), including [a list of eligible workers](#).

Thank you for your continued patience, cooperation and understanding as we all navigate through this pandemic together.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Browne".

Dr. Brendan Browne
Director of Education

CC: All Principals, Trustees, Superintendents