



THE PROTESTANT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

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Re: Wuhan Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) – March 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we enter into the first week of the mandated closures of schools, I wanted to connect with you to provide information and let you know that my plan is to provide you with weekly updates moving forward as it applies to you and your children with regards to COVID-19 and their education.

The Ministry of Education has made a few announcements this week in regards to the response to COVID-19 and the current school year:

1. EQAO assessment will not take place this year for students in grade 3, 6 and 9, as well as the cancellation of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This will not affect any students' ability to graduate this year.
2. The Ministry of Education have released a 'Learn at Home' tool for staff, students, and parents to access. Please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home> to access this tool that provides basic skills and lessons in Math, English, and Science in every grade.
3. We have provided resources on our school website through the work of our Mental Health and Well-Being & Multi-Disciplinary Team Leader, to help support those who may be having some difficulties with their mental health and anxiety as a result of the current situation. Please utilize these supports, and we will continue to update this page as we become aware of more: <https://www.pssbp.ca/health-well-being/>

On behalf of the School Board staff and Trustees of The Protestant Separate School Board of the Town of Penetanguishene, we are sending all of you our prayers and hoping that you are all doing well.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Take care,

Tim Overholt
Supervisory Officer