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Re: Statement from Premier Ford, Minister Elliot and Minister Lecce (COVID-19)

Dear Families of Burkevale Protestant Separate School,

This communication is to inform you about the media release sent today, Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 3:55 p.m. from the Office of the Premier of Ontario, indicating that all publicly-funded schools in Ontario will be closed for two weeks following March Break, in response to the emergence in Ontario of COVID-19. This order was approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Please know that we did not become aware of this disclosure until the media release was issued. Our intent is to provide you with the most up to date information as early as possible. We truly apologize that you may have first heard this information prior to this communication.

Schools will remain **closed** starting tomorrow, **March 13, 2020 through to April 5, 2020**. As of this time, **students will be returning to school on Monday, April 6, 2020**. We will continue to keep you updated with any further information we receive, and posts will be updated on the Board website at www.pssbp.ca/health-well-being.

Attached is a link to the message from the Ontario government that provides further details as to the rationale behind the school closures - news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/title.html.

Please be aware Before and After School programs will be closed as well during this period.

As a School Board we will be examining and implementing further steps to ensure we are aware of and aligned with cleaning guidance for the health of our students at Burkevale Protestant Separate School.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Board.

Sincerely,

Mr. T. Overholt
Supervisory Officer