



## THE PROTESTANT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am reaching out to you to provide you with further updates during school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope that you and your families are keeping well. I know that this continues to be a stressful time for many and I hope that you and your family are finding ways in which you can support one another. This is a time to focus on the well-being of your family and loved ones. A reminder that there are many resources that we have posted on the [Board's website](#), including those from School Mental Health Ontario to help support positive mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic for your child, other family members, or someone you may know in need at this time. As well, please be aware that [Kids Help Phone](#) is also available to support our children during this time.

This week we rolled out Phase 2 of the '[LEARN AT HOME](#)' Plan where our teachers provided lessons to students through either Google Classrooms or Seesaw. This plan has been initiated by the provincial government to ensure that students in Ontario are receiving instruction while schools remain closed. School Boards have been asked to devise this plan, and our teachers and support staff have worked diligently to implement these plans, addressing the curriculum through their teaching for our students in this new format. We ask that you continue to be patient as both staff and students become accustomed to this process. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher to collaborate with one another to ensure the best possible learning takes place.

As we enter into the Easter long weekend, I hope you and your family enjoy time to rest and celebrate with one another. Continue to keep safe and follow the containment strategies of:

- Staying at home as per the provincial and federal requests
- Avoiding gatherings
- Practicing adequate physical distancing
- Washing your hands for 15-20 seconds with soap and using hand sanitizer
- Coughing or sneezing into your arm
- If you have any symptoms, self-monitoring and self-isolating, and contacting a health care professional if symptoms persist
- If you have travelled outside Canada recently, ensuring you self-isolate for 14 days

We are hopeful that our students and staff will be back learning and teaching at Burkevale Protestant Separate school. Until then we will work with and support one another to get through this together.

We continue to pray that you and your family remain in good health.

I will continue to communicate with you and provide you with new information and updates during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Overholt  
Supervisory Officer