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Dear Families of Burkevale Protestant Separate School,

As we come close to the midpoint of the summer break for school, we wanted to connect with you to provide the most recent update on plans for the start of school in September. Our latest correspondence indicated that the Ministry of Education had informed all school boards that plans were required to prepare for school start-ups based on three different scenarios. The three different options that are possible for the school year in which plans are required are:

- Full return of all students to school (Conventional);
- Full At Home Learning (Distance/Remote Learning);
- A combination of At School and At-Home Learning with smaller class sizes (Adapted).

The Board has created a Return to School Pandemic committee of individuals consisting of Trustees, School Staff, and Board Staff, who have been working to develop a thorough plan for all three scenarios that will provide staff and students with a safe learning environment for students to learn and grow. Our committee is also in contact with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to ensure all proper protocols and health measures meet the expected standards.

We do understand the importance of providing you with as much information as soon as possible for your planning purposes and to prepare your children for the new school year. A sub-committee of members from the Return to School Pandemic Committee will be meeting with Ministry Officials next week to review our plan and get any feedback. Following that meeting, our committee will be finalizing the plan. It is our hope that we will be able to provide more detailed information about each scenario to you by the second week of August.

We want to let you know that our 2020 -2021 School Year Calendar has been approved by the Ministry of Education and you can access it from the attached link (<https://www.pssbp.ca/resources/school-year-calendar/>). Please note that the first day of school for students is on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020. There are three Professional Activity Days for staff on September 1st, 2nd and 3rd so that training and in-servicing for staff may occur in preparation for the new school year.

We appreciate your patience and hope you and your family are keeping well and enjoying the summer break.

Sincerely,

L. Cousins
Chair of the Board

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Supervisory Officer