



April 3, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we begin this update to families on what they can expect in the coming days, we want to begin by saying our thoughts first and foremost, in these stressful and uncertain times, are for the students and families we serve. Our organization is prepared to do whatever is needed, to support public health efforts and keep everyone healthy.

These are uncommon times in public education, not only for our school district, but across the province. Everyone in public education is working through the significant and complex issues related to the delivery of education within a global pandemic, with schools and buildings that are not only closed to our students but closed to our staff as well.

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As you know, on Tuesday the Minister of Education announced that the current school closure will be extended until at least May, and that students and teachers would engage in distance learning during this time. We know that both students and teachers are looking forward to reconnecting.

As part of our Distance Learning Plan, this will begin on Monday.

The transition to distance learning will not be easy. Teachers are thinking differently about how to communicate, give instruction, and provide feedback; how to design lessons and assignments that are meaningful; and how to meet the needs of all students.

We also are very conscious that each family's environment, capacity, and access to materials is different. As a result, our planning focuses on providing flexible learning opportunities to avoid adding stress or expectations for families.

We are confident that our dedicated and resourceful staff will provide meaningful learning opportunities, in partnership with our students and parents.

Included with this message, parents can find:

- tips on how you may support your child's success while learning at home,
- key elements of our Distance Learning Plan and information on what to expect for instructional time per grade, and
- an updated Question and Answer document

We recognize that not all of our students have immediate computer or Internet access. A crucial step in our planning has been the canvassing of families and students to better understand the need for technology supports. This was completed by schools and our board staff last week.

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We are redeploying our existing technology to meet student needs as best we are able, and parents will be contacted by their school next week regarding these arrangements.

We are also currently working through a plan to provide paper resources to students. This planning is complicated by the physical distancing measures currently in place provincially, and the fact that our schools are also currently closed to staff. We will continue to work through these plans to develop a solution to meet the diverse needs of our students.

In addition to our Distance Learning Plan, we encourage parents to continue to access the many additional learning resources in Literacy, Math, Science, Technology, Social Studies, the Arts and Special Education that are available through our #KPRLearningAtHome portal. All of these resources are organized by grade and are available via our dedicated COVID 19 banner on our website: [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca).

In closing, we thank parents for their understanding, patience and support of their children as we move forward in the coming days. We wish you continued health and wellness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Lloyd".

Diane Lloyd  
Chairperson of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Leclerc".

Jennifer Leclerc  
Director of Education