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RE: STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN REMOTE LEARNING JANUARY 4 TO 8, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Government of Ontario has implemented a province-wide shutdown to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Students attending Rainbow Elementary Virtual School will resume their regular timetable on January 4th. In-person learners in elementary and secondary schools will shift to teacher-led remote learning from January 4th to 8th.

There is one exception. Jean Hanson Public School and the Ruth MacMillan Centre will be open for in-person learning. Students who attend these schools will receive transportation as regularly scheduled. All other schools will be closed next week.

Here's what will happen for in-person learners on Monday, January 4th:

The focus will be to support the transition to remote learning. Schools will reach out to in-person learners who require technology to learn from home. Teachers will provide instructions to access the appropriate virtual platform (VLE for secondary and Google Classroom for elementary), verify email addresses, ensure the home room/class timetable is posted within the platform and provide reminders about COVID-19 safety practices.

Virtual instruction will begin on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Elementary and secondary students will follow their regular schedules remotely.

Teachers will connect with students to provide additional information.

Students who do not have access to the Internet will receive paper based assignments.

Students who have special education needs will continue to be supported remotely by their classroom teacher and Educational Assistant. Mental health supports will also be available.

Rainbow Schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are scheduled to reopen for in-person learning on Monday, January 11, 2021.

All the best to you and your family for a healthy and happy new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Blaseg", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education