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### **Schools remain closed for the rest of the school year**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Guided by health and safety, the Premier of Ontario and Minister of Education have announced that schools in Ontario will remain closed for the rest of the school year.

With the extension of school closures, we have now reached the mid-point of our journey. We have completed six weeks of teacher-led distance learning and have six weeks to go.

We have the technology, the team, the talent and the tenacity to maintain the momentum. We will work diligently to ensure students gain critical knowledge and skills for success. We invite students and families to, once again, take a deep breath and stay the course.

Teacher-led distance learning will continue until June 26, 2020, the last day of school. To maximize learning, secondary exams have been replaced with culminating activities. All students, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, will receive report cards at year end.

For the Class of 2020 whose destination is graduation, please remember that we will celebrate this milestone with you, your family and friends when it is safe to do so.

The Province of Ontario has already confirmed that schools will reopen in September. Protocols will be implemented to protect the health and safety of students and staff. We will share more information with you as plans progress - always with safety first.

In the interim, we are currently developing protocols with Public Health to allow for the safe collection and distribution of student personal belongings at school, such as items in lockers. Schools will communicate directly with students and families to facilitate this process.

Families juggle many demands and this new way of living and learning has been a tremendous transition. The school team nurses at Public Health Sudbury & Districts have compiled a list of resources to support skill building and mental health for families, staff, children and youth. Resources are available at [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) under mental health.

Keep well, stay active, keep learning and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Blaseg".

Norm Blaseg  
Director of Education