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**RE: SCHOOLS REMAIN OPEN AND IN-PERSON LEARNING CONTINUES**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Rainbow Schools remain open and in-person learning continues as the Province of Ontario implements additional measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. Transportation will also continue for elementary and secondary students in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin.

As indicated previously, we are following health and safety protocols to keep everyone safe – wearing masks, washing hands, physical distancing and maintaining cohorts. To support provincial efforts, parents/guardians and students are reminded that masks are required outdoors when students cannot physically distance; appropriate masks must be worn at all times (no bandanas, scarves, etc.); and students cannot congregate before school starts. Students are also asked to go directly home after school and stay home to limit contacts.

While secondary students may continue to go home for lunch, they cannot go to public places during lunch. Students can go outside at lunch and must wear a mask at all times, unless they are physically distanced from each other. Students must wear a mask when walking to and from school, unless they are alone. Only small groups are permitted.

Parents/guardians are reminded to screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms. Students must stay home from school if they are sick, have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, have been advised by a doctor, health care provider or Public Health to self-isolate, and/or have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days. Secondary students can self-screen and monitor for symptoms.

The COVID-19 screening tool can be accessed at [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) at the following link:

<https://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/covid-19/covid-19-updates/>

The school screening tool will be updated soon. Please review and follow the guidance.

The next opportunity for parents/guardians to transfer students from in-person to remote and remote to in-person learning will be February 8, 2021. This will be the final opportunity for the school year. Parents/guardians will be invited to confirm their status by completing a survey available from January 20 to 22, 2021. Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

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

Norm Blaseg  
Director of Education