

Message to Families from Principals RE Potential Shift in January Learning

December 17, 2020

Subject Line: Update on Returning in January and Device Survey

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing as a follow-up to our message yesterday in order to ensure you have accurate information for the return to school after the holiday break. As previously mentioned, we are planning on welcoming students back to school in-person on Monday, January 4, 2021.

However, should the Ministry of Education or public health officials decide that schools must temporarily close and/or shift to remote learning from home for the start of January, we will communicate directly with you on what to expect. The DDSB has developed contingency plans for this scenario and we want to ensure that your child is as prepared as possible.

If your family does not have access to a web enabled device (i.e. Chromebook, laptop, desktop, tablet, phone, etc.) to use for remote learning, please use the link below to let us know.

<https://forms.gle/A3J8yRG2M77GGaPLA>

Please note there is currently a shortage of devices. We ask that if you already have access to a device for your family, that you do not request a device as some families may not have one. The deadline to complete the survey and let us know if your child requires a device is Sunday, January 3. We will connect with those families only if there is a shift to remote learning that extends beyond the first week and any distribution of devices (pending availability) would be the first week after the holiday break.

Again, we would like to remind all families to ensure that children bring home all personal belongings and necessary items (i.e. students with SEA laptops or Chromebooks for students in Grades 7 and up) prior to leaving for the holiday break as it is possible that access to the school may be restricted if there is a change.

Thank you once again for your support and we hope that you and your family have a safe and healthy holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Sincerely,

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