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Dear KPDSB Families,

I am writing to you today to share a recent update on school closures, as well as ask our families to share their thoughts with us on distance learning to date through a survey we have recently created.

School Closure Update

Earlier this week, Ontario Premier, Doug Ford, stated in an interview that schools will not reopen on May 4, 2020, as previously announced. At this time, a date has not been given for when schools may reopen, although the Premier did state that the Minister of Education would make further announcements this week. The Premier was clear in his messaging that the 2019-2020 school year has not been cancelled by the government. We will share any additional information as we receive it.

Distance Learning Survey for Families – [Click here to fill out the survey](#)

Thank you to all of our students and families for your patience as we adjust to learning from a distance. This is a new experience for many of us! We wanted to check in now that most students have reconnected with their child(ren)'s teachers or school staff to continue their learning while schools are closed.

We have created a survey to gather information from families about how distance learning has been for your child(ren) so far, and what we can do to support our students' learning going forward. You can access the survey by [clicking here](#). All of the questions in the survey are optional, and your responses will remain anonymous. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts with us.

Please remember that we are here to support you during this time. Our website has a [COVID-19 section](#) with additional supports for students and families during the pandemic, including Mental Health resources, how to access free wifi at all KPDSB buildings and a listings of community supports by area. You can also follow us on social media (search KPDSB on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram) for information and updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pharand".

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