

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents:

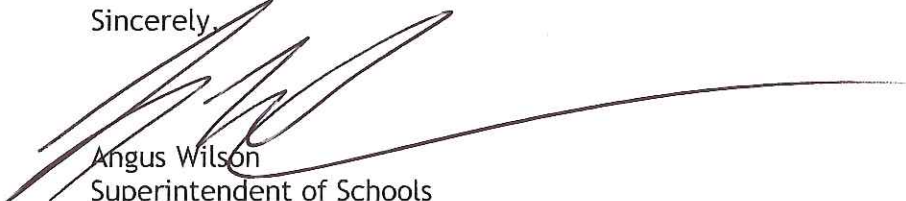
This is a further update on our status during the Covid-19 pandemic. Over spring break, we have been working on our plans and responses to ensure our facilities are safe for those of us still working in them, and that teachers and other staff working remotely are able to connect with you. A few significant points:

- Students are not to attend their physical schools; they are expected to work from home until further notice.
- Please contact your school instead of visiting. While some staff are in buildings, access is limited.
- Learning Opportunities for students will begin the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Learning activities will vary from teacher to teacher and are not an exact replica of what would have occurred in a 'regular' classroom. Activities may occur through a variety of formats depending on the class and teacher. Expect teachers and other staff to be reaching out to you in the weeks ahead to maintain connections during this difficult time.
- Families with challenges accessing the internet are asked to contact their school principal to be provided support for their individual situation.
- Some of you may be anxious about accessing materials in desks or lockers. Please be patient as we explore possibilities for safely providing access over the coming weeks. Your school principal will provide updates in this regard.
- Look for the survey of Mission parents that went out yesterday: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/educationalcontinuity> . This survey is intended to determine the need for childcare amongst first responders and other essential workers so the school district can support their ability to work.
- Contact your school principal with questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. As you can imagine, this is not a 'normal' situation, and we are working our way through it daily. It may take time to respond to your queries.
- Learning resources and supports for parents will soon be available on our Learn 75 website. We will send out links in the coming weeks.
- A reminder that we have a covid information page [www.mpsd.ca/District/covid19](http://www.mpsd.ca/District/covid19) as well as many excellent ones offered by the provincial and federal governments.
- Every student will receive a final mark, and all students on track to move to the next grade will do so in the fall. For grades 10 and 11 students, graduation assessments will be postponed. Every student eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate. Students are, of course, still expected to complete work to successfully pass courses.
- Remember that education systems around the world are affected by this health crisis. We are not alone in the changes and challenges we are seeing at this time. Things like

graduation ceremonies and other traditions are presently on 'hold' as we wait to determine how this will unfold for us this spring.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their patience as we navigate our way through this unusual era. Please stay positive, and we look forward to continuing to work with you and our community as we move forward. Should you need to reach me, please email me at [angus.wilson@mpsd.ca](mailto:angus.wilson@mpsd.ca). Note that response times may vary as this unfolds. Thank you for your consideration during this challenging time.

Sincerely,



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