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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today, the Ministry of Education released its back-to-school plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The guidelines give details about in-person learning, mask requirements, self-screening measures, programming availability, extra-curriculars and more.

Senior staff will be reviewing the guidelines and working with our local public health units to finalize how we will carry out these guidelines in our schools. Some items I want to highlight at this time are:

- Students will return to in-person learning daily for the full school day (5 instructional hours), however remote learning will remain an option. [More details on remote learning can be found here.](#)
- Students in Grades 1-12 and staff will be required to wear masks while indoors and on student transportation (encouraged for students in Kindergarten), while not being required outdoors, and;
- Extra-curricular and inter-school sport activities will be permitted with some modifications.

You can read the full provincial return to school guidelines here:

<https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/21033870/ontarios-2021-2022-guide-to-reopening-schools.pdf>

When we have more specific details about what this means for our schools and your family, we will send an update. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Ron Ferguson
Director of Education and Secretary of the Board

