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Dear JMCCSA Families,

As you are aware, the Minister of Education has extended the ordered closure of public schools in Ontario through to the end of June, which means the remainder of the school year will be completed through distance learning.

Our classroom teams will continue to provide a distance learning platform through: Google classroom lessons and activities; weekly classroom and rotary arts Google meets; and fliers emailed weekly to families designed to support learning and well-being while at home.

While we recognize that distance learning can in no way replace direct educator/student learning, our classroom teams are continuing to work very hard to support your child's learning in as many ways possible under these unusual conditions. Any feedback that you would like to provide that might help us enhance our distance learning platform would be very welcome.

Minister Lecce has stated that provincial plans are being developed for re-entry to school for the 2020-21 school year. We will share the Ministry plans, as well as those specific to the JMCCSA, as soon as we can. Safety is the main priority for all.

For families concerned with the retrieval of student personal items left at school prior to the closure, planning is underway to return those belongings as well as any student medications. Once the planning process is complete, specific information will be posted on the parent portal and will be emailed directly to parents/guardians. A school staff will contact you as well to confirm details.

June report cards will be completed and will be mailed to families.

These final months of the school year have been a tremendous challenge for everyone and we greatly appreciate your patience and your perseverance. Together, we have all learned a great deal.

I am remain available by phone or by email should you have any questions. Please continue to keep yourselves and your families safe.

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