Hello Division 1 Parents,

I hope that you are keeping well during this challenging time. I am sure that you have many questions about what will be happening for the remainder of the school year. As you know, schools have been closed to in-class instruction for an indefinite period of time and just two days ago, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister of Health Adrian Dix ordered that social distancing protocols will continue through the month of April at least.

I know that many of you are working from home, which can be challenging on its own. You also have the complexity of having one or more kids at home with you as well. This is something I understand all too well as we just welcomed our second child, Darian, on March 21st. Our eldest is four in June. He has had his entire world turned upside down with his school and friends being ripped away from him. And while I am sure you are all, just like me, feeling the pressure and frustration of this experience, much more concerned about the well-being of your children.

Since we are all in this together (yet apart), I want to be as flexible as possible. Some of you may be wanting your child to have significant amounts of work, some may want none, some may have to share technology, some may simply feel overwhelmed with everything that is going on. The staff have been communicating throughout spring break to ensure that we are able to provide what our students and your families need.

I will be using my class website to communicate with students and parents and we are also looking at other technology that would allow me to connect through various means.

I know you are looking for concrete answers about what will be happening and we are working on that. I would ask your patience and that you direct your child to the class website in the meantime as I will try to post some interesting articles, activities and questions for them daily as we set things up.

You may be interested to know that as we studied the spread of this virus back in February, our class was able to identify the exponential spread that was happening and why it would be problematic to have a spike of infections. They are a curious and enthusiastic groups of learners and I feel very fortunate that our learning journey will continue, even if it will be different from what we may have intended.

If your child receives Learning Services support, your case manager will be reaching out to you shortly. Ms. Toms and Mrs. Inglis are also looking forward to connecting with you.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact me. If you would like, I am happy to schedule a time to speak with you directly.

Thanks and Stay Safe,

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