



ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Memo

To: All Parents

**From: Mark Donovan
Superintendent
Anglophone School District – North**

Date: October 20, 2020

Re: Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plans

As most of you know, during the past two weeks our district has been dealing with cases of Covid-19 in some of our schools/communities. We continue to work very closely with Public Health during this time and follow their directives.

It is important to take this opportunity to clarify some key points that have been raised in this regard:

1. When Schools Are Open

All students are expected to attend as normal, unless there is a doctor's note indicating that a student is vulnerable.

If parents choose to keep students home, when schools are open, there is no expectation for teachers to provide work for those students. Again, this does not refer to vulnerable students.

2. School/Classroom Closures – Directed by Public Health

If schools or individual classrooms are closed because they have been directed to close by Public Health, the expectation is that learning will continue virtually. Virtual learning may mean on-line learning (Gr. 9-12) or a combination of on-line learning and/or paper-based learning, i.e. learner packets (Gr. K-8).

3. School/Classroom Closures – Resulting From Operational Issues

In the event that replacement staff, i.e. supply teachers, cannot be found, a classroom or school may need to close, simply because there are not enough staff to operate the class/building. If this occurs, messaging will be sent to parents by the in-school administration.

In this instance, learning will continue virtually for affected students, as noted above.

Further Expectations for High Schools

In addition, there are other considerations pertaining to high school students that parents need to be aware of, including the following:

1. For students (Gr. 9-12) who are participating in a blended-learning model, we want to remind families that when students are learning from home, these are **not** days off for students. Student learning is critical, and students are expected to join their class(es) for instruction, as appropriate.
2. Attendance will be taken for each class on days when students work from home. This time needs to be dedicated to student learning – not to extracurricular or other activities.
3. Grades will be assigned for all work completed at school or at home.
4. Students should not be employed in the community during the school day, as this will directly impact their learning.

Note: Blackville School, Dalhousie Regional High School and North & South Esk Regional School do not follow a blended learning model. Students in these high schools attend every day.

I realize that these are new times and experiences that we are working through together. Let us continue to be kind, patient, and supportive of one another as we move through this unprecedented school year.