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Dear PVNC Families,

As we look forward to resuming teacher-led instruction on Monday, April 6, 2020, I want to provide you with our [PVNC Learn@Home Support Plan for Teaching and Learning During the COVID-19 School Closure](#).

We have heard many questions and concerns from our students, staff and school communities over the past two weeks. What will distance learning look like? How will students be assessed? Will I graduate? What is expected of me as a student, as a parent? How can I support my child if I'm an essential worker? What if technology/internet at home is an issue?

We have tried to address as many of these issues in our [PVNC Learn@Home](#) plan. We know as we resume learning next week, many more questions will arise and we are committed to finding solutions for all students. We will listen to the input we receive from staff, students and families in the days ahead as we design future supports.

I want to be absolutely clear, our goal is to ensure the successful completion of the school year for all students: to support students to advance to the next grade, to earn the credits in which they are currently enrolled, and to graduate if they are on track to do so. It is imperative to ensure that no student is disadvantaged because of this school closure.

Our PVNC Learn@Home plan is designed to be flexible. Learning may have to take place at different times during the day to accommodate the unique circumstances families are facing. Starting Monday, our teachers are accessible to their students and will set clear expectations moving forward. As always, if you have questions about what your child is learning, please contact their teacher(s) or the school principal.

As per the [Minister's Letter to Ontario Families](#), the Ministry of Education has directed school boards to offer distance teaching and learning for all students. Teachers will deliver learning by grade groupings as follows:

- ❖ Kindergarten to grade 3 – five hours of work per student/week
- ❖ Grades 4 to 6 – five hours of work per student/week
- ❖ Grades 7 to 8 – 10 hours of work per student/week
- ❖ Grades 9 to 12 – three hours of work per course per week

Many parents have been asking whether they can access student items/equipment/medications from our schools. Currently, that is not possible as our schools remain closed by provincial order. The only exception will be to provide technology to families who have indicated a need. We will communicate a plan next week to those families but the access will follow a strict protocol and will not allow for access throughout the school.

We are about to start a new journey together and there is going to be an adjustment period for staff, students and parents alike. I know we will encounter these challenges together with the care, compassion and faith in God that are the hallmarks of the PVNC community.

Stay safe and God Bless,



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