



June 4, 2020

Dear Families,

We are a couple of months into our distance learning strategy as a result of the ordered school closures by the provincial government. This has been a very challenging time for all of us, and we extend our sincere appreciation to you for your understanding, continued partnership and commitment to learning.

As a Catholic district school board, we remain committed to hearing from our families and receiving their feedback to ensure continuous improvement in our teaching and learning. The distance learning strategy is new to all of us, and we are doing our very best to ensure that our students continue to have access to educational activities and learning even during this unprecedented time. In order to help us better understand how the distance learning strategy is working for our families, we invite you to complete a Google survey using the link below. This information is valuable to us as we consider the things we might need to address or change as we continue learning from home.

<https://forms.gle/Q86Ky6vpc4VRpD1i6>

I am including the survey questions below, so that you know what to expect when you click on the link. The survey should take you less than five minutes, but the information you will share will provide great insight to the NCDSB team. If you have more than one child in your home, we would ask that you complete a survey for each child, to ensure that you are providing information about the individual experience of every student. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The survey will be open until Monday, June 15, 2020.

Question	Answer Options
How many children in your home are students of the NCDSB?	<i>Insert the number.</i>
What school does your child attend?	<i>All schools will be listed.</i>
What grade is your child in?	Kindergarten – Grade 3 Grade 4-6 Grade 7-8 Grade 9-12
In order to support your child in their learning, we would like to understand more about their experiences so far with distance learning. Choose the statement that best describes your child's experience.	<input type="checkbox"/> My child completes a bit of work every day. <input type="checkbox"/> My child completes work in larger blocks a couple days a week. <input type="checkbox"/> My child completes work on weekends. <input type="checkbox"/> My child completes work in all of these ways. <input type="checkbox"/> My child is not completing work. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure.

<p>Please choose the statement that best describes your child's experience.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> My child is not receiving enough work. <input type="checkbox"/> My child is receiving the right amount of work. <input type="checkbox"/> My child is receiving too much work. <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know how much work my child is receiving.
<p>In general, how does your child most often feel about learning from home right now? Please select only one option – the best word to describe your child's experience.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoyable <input type="checkbox"/> Stressful <input type="checkbox"/> Confusing <input type="checkbox"/> Challenging <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging <input type="checkbox"/> Boring <input type="checkbox"/> Annoying <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed feelings <input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure
<p>What would help to support your child in distance learning the most? Please select only one answer.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A better schedule for learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting strategies to help. <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health and well-being supports. <input type="checkbox"/> More learning resources. <input type="checkbox"/> More direct instruction. <input type="checkbox"/> More support in the online platforms. <input type="checkbox"/> More direct contact from the teacher. <input type="checkbox"/> Less assigned work. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure.
<p>Other feedback for our consideration.</p>	

In closing, I just want to confirm that our schools remain under ordered closure for the remainder of this school year. We are in the preliminary stages of re-entry planning for the new school year. I strongly encourage you to visit our Board website often at www.ncdsb.on.ca for regular updates and information of value to you and your families.

Take care, stay well, and be kind to each other.

Sincerely,

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