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Good Afternoon Grand Erie Families,

This is Brenda Blancher, Director of Education here at the Grand Erie District School Board. I apologize for contacting you on a Sunday, but wanted to provide you with an important COVID-19 update as soon as we received it.

This afternoon, Ontario Minister of Education Stephen Lecce announced that all publicly-funded schools in the province will remain closed to students until at least May 31st due to COVID-19. This includes all Grand Erie elementary and secondary schools.

While our school buildings are closed, learning at home continues for all Grand Erie students, with minimum requirements outlined by grade by the Ministry of Education.

Over the past few weeks, Grand Erie staff have been filling gaps in student access to technology by implementing creative solutions to share learning materials in alternative formats.

Teachers will continue to assess student learning as the school year moves forward. Final report cards will be issued in June, reflecting evaluation completed up to March Break, with room for improvement based on achievement during these COVID-19 closures.

Last, but certainly not least, I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

Sincerely,

Director of Education