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## Good Afternoon Grand Erie Families,

This is Brenda Blancher, Director of Education at the Grand Erie District School Board. I'm reaching out today with an important COVID-19 update.

This afternoon, the Ontario government announced that the current COVID-19 closures for all publicly funded schools in the province will be extended until the end of the 2019-20 school year. This means that all Grand Erie elementary and secondary schools will remain closed to students until the end of June.

While the remainder of this school year will not take place in a classroom, learning at home continues for Grand Erie students, with minimum requirements outlined by grade by the Ministry of Education last month. Through June 26, teachers will continue to provide learning at home through a variety of means, including video conferencing, posted videos, regular phone calls or emails to support student learning activities.

Final report cards will be issued to all students at the end of June. Schools will communicate with families as to when and how these will be distributed.

With today's announcement, planning is underway to determine the safest and most efficient way for students to retrieve personal belongings from their school. This process will be communicated with families by their school once it has been finalized and approved by the respective local health unit.

Today's announcement also noted there would be enhanced summer learning opportunities for students this year. Details on what this means for Grand Erie will follow once the Board receives direction from the Ministry of Education.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Principal at your child's school.

Sincerely,

Director of Education