

January 7, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Government of Ontario has declared that elementary and secondary schools in the North, including those in the Near North District School Board, will be open for in-class learning beginning Monday, Jan. 11, 2021. The status of in-person learning at MacTier Public School (which is under the authority of another health unit) will be determined tomorrow, at which time further communication will be provided.

The area, along with the rest of the province, remains under lockdown as it pertains to businesses and other restrictions for a further two weeks.

At NNDSB, the health and safety of our students, staff, and community is our number one priority. Our schools continue to implement every measure as outlined in the NNDSB Return to School safety [protocols](#).

I know the new year has already seen a challenge with the mandated province-wide shutdown, which saw students learn virtually for the week. I understand your frustrations but rest assured that NNDSB staff are doing their best to address the needs of students amid the COVID-19 challenge.

If you have any questions regarding your child(ren)'s learning, please reach out to their principal. They are best suited to address any questions that you may have.

Also, please monitor the board's website nearnorthschools.ca for updates and follow our Facebook and Twitter accounts. We will continue to share accurate and timely information, Ministry correspondence, and resources with you as they become available.

Additional resource material, including learning, mental health, and supports, can also be found on our website's menu sections. The Province's news release can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time. Stay safe and I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2021.

Sincerely,



Craig Myles
Director of Education