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To our Parents and Community Partners,

This year has affected the lives of people around the globe. Our points of reference changed overnight. We were forced to modify instantly our habits and discover a new norm for work, school, and living. Through this collective experience, we're all discovering new strength.

We would like to acknowledge the fortitude of our Near North District school board team. Each member works tirelessly, aligning their collective energy and skills to meet the needs of our student and partners. They do whatever it takes to get the job done.

As we plan for the 2021/22 school year, we do so faced with many unknowns. What we do know is that the mental wellness of your children will be paramount and it will be "all hands on deck" at the Near North District School Board to support every student in closing any gaps of the past year due to COVID disruptions in learning. We will continue to support you and your children to engage in learning with us where social, emotional, physical and cognitive aspects are nurtured. We are currently planning for the return to school. This planning will include a plan for in class as well as virtual learning should COVID restrictions require it, but we are hopeful that we will be able to return to the physical properties. NNDSB will communicate more thoroughly about the return to school in 2021/22 in the near future.

To our families and partners, we know how extraordinary these times are for you. We believe solidarity will help us get through this together. Despite the evolving situation and regular shifts in the way we all live and do business, the Near North Team has confidently adapted, always keeping our community's wellbeing in mind. Our number one priority is to continue to provide excellence in achievement and wellbeing for all.

Our firm commitment to our families and community partners remains. We are extremely honoured to serve and partner with you.



Jay Aspin
Chair of the Board



Craig Myles
Director of Education