

September 2, 2020

### A Welcome Message from the Chair

On behalf of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome our students back to the classroom for the 2020/2021 school year. I also want to reassure parents that the school reopening plan includes steps that should provide you with confidence that all reasonable precautions have been and will be taken to ensure a safe return to school. This plan was developed through consultation with the Ministry of Education as well as provincial and local public health officials. I would encourage parents to review the safety procedures (masks, physical distancing, frequent hand washing etc.) with their children to lessen their anxiety about returning to their changed classroom routine and school environment.

Our administration has worked very hard to prepare for a safe school reopening and they will be monitoring conditions on a daily basis with a goal of keeping our schools open.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of our administration, school principals, custodians, teachers, educational assistants and indeed all staff who have been involved in the preparations for the school reopening. These preparations combined with the student cooperation in adhering to the safety protocol, will ensure that our schools will see a safe and successful reopening.

Wishing you all the best for the coming school year!

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