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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this finds you all safe and well as we begin a new year, 2021.

As you are aware, as part of the safety measures put into place during this provincial lockdown, **elementary and secondary schools** in our district will be closed from January 4-8, 2021 and all learning will continue to take place **virtually** during this time. Both elementary and secondary schools are scheduled to reopen for in-person learning on **Monday January 11, 2021**.

NPSC Learn at Home Plan

During the time of virtual learning (January 4-8, 2021), students will be in regular contact with their teacher through Edsby, Google Classroom and Google Meet.

Details regarding expectations for student learning and daily class schedules during this time of virtual learning will be provided by the classroom teacher. Your classroom teacher will be in contact with you on Monday January 4, 2021 to discuss classroom expectations for virtual learning for the week.

Electronic Device Distribution

Should your child require an electronic device to support virtual learning and you have not had an opportunity to make this request to your school principal, kindly contact your school principal via EDSBY or via telephone and a device will be arranged for you.

We remind families to continue to monitor their Edsby accounts for important information from teachers, schools and our school board.

The chart below outlines the minimum hours of instruction per day for students for virtual learning as per [Policy and Program Memorandum 164 Requirements for Remote Learning](#) provided by the Ministry of Education. These are a minimum guideline and refer to the amount of time students per day will spend on the work assigned by their teachers.

Grade Range	
Kindergarten	● 180 minutes
Grades 1-3	● 225 minutes
Grades 4-8	● 225 minutes
Grades 9-12	● 225 minutes per day for a full course schedule



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Please note, if your child has been registered and participating in our NPSC Elementary Virtual School prior to December 18, 2020, they will continue to receive instruction from their virtual teacher as per their daily learning schedule on January 4, 2021.

Parents of students with special education needs are encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher and/or principal to establish a plan to help support their child's learning during this time.

Additional Learning Resources

Our board continues to update our [NPSC Learn at Home website](#), to support student learning during this time. This website provides resources for families, categorized by subject and grade level to help support students in their learning.

We also encourage families to continue to also explore the resources provided by the Ministry of Education. [TVO Learn](#) and [idello. apprendre à la maison](#) provide additional educational resources for students in Grades 1-12, developed by Ontario certified teachers and TVO's [Independent Learning Centre \(ILC\) Open House](#) which provides access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses.

Please continue to visit www.npsc.ca for ongoing information and updates.

We look forward to a new year filled with peace, hope, a continued love for learning, and our partnership with you!