

March 12, 2021

Dear Beckwith PS School Community,

As you are aware, we have had two cases of COVID-19 at our school this week, and public health declared an outbreak yesterday afternoon. The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit has continued their investigation and has determined that a school closure is necessary at this time.

The decision to close the school was not made lightly. Due to the evolving situation within the school and community, the local public health unit has decided that closing the school is a necessary precautionary measure to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

As of Monday, March 15, all students in our school who are currently attending in-person will transition to remote synchronous learning. Every effort will be made to have all classes provided online, in real time, and we will follow our regular daily schedule. However, please be aware that synchronous learning may be impacted by this transition to full remote learning early next week, as staff establish the full range of daily routines for their students.

Here's what students and parents can expect:

- as of Monday morning, the school will be closed to all students;
- all BPS students should be prepared to sign in to their class digital learning platform (MS Teams) at 9:15 a.m.
- parents and students need to check their school email for more details from their teachers;
- there will be no change for those who are already participating in remote learning either synchronously or asynchronously;
- information about the distribution of booklets for those who are already registered in asynchronous learning will be forthcoming.

Be assured that our local public health officials will continue to monitor the situation closely and will work with the school and school board to determine when school operations can safely resume.

The closure of Beckwith Public School will be re-assessed by public health on March 22, and they will determine at that time when our students will be able to return to in-person learning.

If you have concerns about your child's ability to participate in remote learning, please reach out to your child's teacher or the school.

Thank you for your continued support this school year and your understanding as we navigate our way through this pandemic.

Sincerely, Mark Williams Principal

