

May 11, 2020

Dear UCDSB Families,

Tomorrow marks the two-month anniversary when we first informed you that the provincial government ordered schools to be closed as a public health measure to slow the spread of COVID-19. This has resulted in a huge change for all of us, including how we work, study, and learn.

We want to thank all of our families for the time and effort they have been putting into their child's academics. We are proud of the work that everyone is doing in this regard and hope that our students are finding a good balance between school, work, rest, play and family commitments.

I welcome this opportunity to update you on the following topics:

Secondary School Programs & Activities Update:

- **Proms & Grads**

Last week, our school [principals shared information with our students and families](#) regarding the cancellations of spring proms and how our school district is currently examining what options are available for graduation ceremonies for 2020. We are following the direction of local public health on if/when/how these types of events can move forward, and we hope to have more information for you regarding graduation ceremonies in the very near future.

We know these ceremonies are important to our students and families. If a traditional ceremony is not possible at this time, then our school district will be working with all UCDSB secondary school principals to support their efforts to suitably acknowledge the achievements of our Grade 12 students during this period.

- **Summer Semester**

The UCDSB will continue our annual tradition of offering any of our Grade 7-12 students the opportunity to earn diploma credits over the month of July through the [Summer Semester program](#). There are 47 online courses to choose from. Summer Semester starts on June 29 and ends July 27. Contact your school's student services department, your school principal, or visit the [UCDSB website](#) for more information.

John McAllister
Chair

Stephen Sliwa
Director

- **Non-digital Learning Materials**

If access to the internet or to an electronic device is a barrier for your child to participate in the current distance learning strategy, printed materials will be supplied by your local secondary school. Please contact your school principal or your child's teacher directly.

Elementary School Programs & Activities Update:

Our [Learn At Home resources](#) feature printable, PDF activity menus, suitable for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. These are supplemental to anything that may be provided by your child's teacher. Here are the newest activities that have been added.

[Kindergarten Activities](#)
[Gr. 1-3 Math Activities](#)
[Gr. 1-3 Literacy Activities](#)
[Gr. 4-6 Math Activities](#)
[Gr. 4-6 Literacy Activities](#)
[Gr. 7-8 Math Activities](#)
[Gr. 7-8 Literacy Activities](#)
[K-8 Health and Physical Education](#)

If access to the internet or devices is a barrier for your child to participate in distance learning, printed materials will be supplied by the school board. Please contact your school principal or teacher directly.

Please continue [to refer to our website](#) for information pertaining to school operations, [learn at home resources](#), [well-being information](#). Contact your teacher or school principal if at any point you need support with distance learning.

We hope that you and your family are staying safe and are keeping well during this period of the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Stephen Sliwa
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