



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13*

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<b>INFORMATION REPORT</b>		

### Vision:

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

### Mission:

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The last update to the Reopening Action Plan was submitted to the May 20, 2021 Board meeting for information and consideration. This report provides additional information concerning items occurring since that time. The Reopening Action Plan is updated as necessary and is available on the TCDSB website. Key updates and strategies are provided for consideration.

The province announced that there would be no return to in person learning for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. All students, with the exception of special needs classes, are learning remotely for the rest of the school year.

This report includes updates concerning summer school programs, child care, TECT updates, special needs summer programs, and technology.

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## **B. PURPOSE**

To provide the Board with updates as they pertain to the TCDSB Reopening Action Plan.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

*The TCDSB Reopening Action Plan, Staff Manual and Transition to Distance Learning Plan continue to reflect the process for operating schools safely.* Items from Board motions and Ministry updates that are confirmed have been included as required.

*Boards have been informed that further guidance with regard to September 2021 reopening guidelines will be forthcoming from the Ministry in July.* Any required changes to established protocols will be updated in the TCDSB Reopening Action Plan and communicated throughout the summer.

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

### Ministry Announcements – Remote and Graduations

1. *The Director sent a memo to all families on June 4, 2021, stating that the Ontario Government has decided that schools will continue with remote learning for the remainder of this school year.*
2. *Families were also informed, that based on Toronto Public Health’s recommendation and the inability to provide for outdoor graduations, that all TCDSB schools would continue with existing plans for virtual graduations.* Principals are planning local celebrations to celebrate the school year with their students. These events may be a formal diploma presentation, coordinated classroom visits while picking up belongings, or goodbyes, etc. *All celebrations or gatherings will comply with the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health safety measures including physical distancing, masking and maintaining outdoor gathering limits.*

### Continuing Education Summer Programs that are being offered/supported:

3. *Literacy/Numeracy Program for Grades 6, 7, 8; this program will not proceed due to the TECT work-to-rule sanctions.*
4. *Grade 9 Transition Program (students receive HIF101 credit) for all graduating Grade 8 students/incoming Grade 9 students; each secondary school is offering the program.*
5. *Credit Recovery* – programs are run through the local secondary schools.
6. *Co-Op credits* –virtual placements will be provided for credit accumulation.
7. *MEDD Program* - secondary school programs will continue as previous summer program for MEDD; exploring possibility of a camp program supervised by support staff and administrators for all elementary MEDD students.
8. *eClass for secondary credits*; two sessions this summer to facilitate further program acceleration and credit accumulation.
9. *Remote Learning Credit Courses (synchronous)* for other secondary summer school credit offerings will be provided.

10. ***Focus on Youth (FOY):***

**Secondary**

- 300 students have been identified to work for the FOY program this summer.
- Students can earn 2 credits: 1 Co-op credit and 1 Leadership credit
- Student will be placed in various placements including: virtual and face/face camp Counsellors within TCDSB programs and outside organizations, custodians and administration
- All student will be provided training in WHMIS, Leadership, Communication and Financial Literacy training.
- Identified students will be trained in custodial training and tutoring training.

**Elementary**

- Over 1400 students aged 6-13 years of age have been selected based on first come, first serve basis to participate in the virtual camp program.
- The program offers programs in Art, Sports, Leadership and STEAM for students to participate.
- Programs run daily from 10am – 3pm from July 5th to August 13th, 2021.
- Registered campers may also choose tutoring, which runs daily from 10-12pm by appointment only.
- Tutoring programs are designed for both group and individual supports, run by secondary students.
- There will also be a face to face camp run out of Saint Mother Teresa for approximately 60 students.
- Similar to the virtual program, these programs will offer programs such as Arts, Sports, Leadership, STEAM and tutoring.
- Programs will run from 9am to 4pm daily from July 5th to August 13th, 2021.
- Students participating have specifically requested face/face experience; these students benefit from face/face tutoring.
- COVID safety measures based on TCDSB, TPH and Ministry parameters; ratio of 4 campers to 1 student lead.

**Early Years and Child Care**

11. ***Child care for non-school aged children (i.e. children aged 0-4, Infant, Toddler and Preschool Programs) will remain open through the month of June.***

12. ***Before and after school programs, Authorized Recreation and Skill Building Programs are not yet permitted to operate.***
13. ***The emergency child care program*** will continue for school-aged children of eligible front-line workers, during the period when schools are operating remotely. ***Emergency child care will end on June 29th, 2021 in TCDSB schools.***
14. ***Licensed child care centres may resume serving school-aged children for full-days in programming over the summer months,*** in accordance with the ministry's health and safety guidance, Operational Guidance for Child Care During COVID- 19 Outbreak, as well as compliance with TPH Guidance and Direction. ***The first possible day for operation of summer programs would be June 30th, 2021.***
15. ***Operators have been instructed to inform the Principal and the school custodian of their proposed reopening plans for school age programs and reopening date.*** They will be required to follow the permit process for securing their licensed spaces during this time.
16. ***All Infant, Toddler and Preschool Programs*** will continue uninterrupted.

### **Gr 1 to 8 Summer Learning**

17. ***Summer Playground K-12:*** Weekly choice boards (a variety of options for a student to select) that contain activities that students and parents can choose to do each week. There are 7 weeks worth of activities posted for each of the divisions: K-2, Gr 3-6, Gr 7-10 and Gr 11-12.  
The plan for 2021 was to enhance new choice boards with mental health and online resources through EDWIN. Currently the 2020 activities are posted: [Summer Playground 2020 Choice & Voice: Explore, Experience, Learn – Online & at Home.](#)
18. ***Gr 1-3 Summer Learning Program:*** Reading Intervention and Numeracy focused, with Phys Ed, Mental Health and STEAM. ***This program will not be running due to work-to-rule sanctions.***
19. ***Gr 4-5 Summer Learning:*** UN Sustainable Development Goals, Literacy, Numeracy and Mental Health. Funded by the Council of Directors of Education. ***This program will not be running due to work-to-rule sanctions.***

20. ***TCDSB Gr 1-8 Tutoring*** in Reading, Writing, Math and French. ***This program will not be running due to work-to-rule sanctions.***
21. ***City of Toronto CampTO***, registration begins July 5, 2021. [Information link](#)
22. ***National STEAM Summer Camp***. July 19-23, 2021. Grades 7-12. Information will be sent to all Principals to distribute to families. [Registration link](#).
23. ***Camp e-Engies***. Connecting young women (grades 5-10) to engineering. July 17-18, 2021. \$70. TCDSB sponsoring 40 students through each of the Superintendent areas.
24. ***Tutoring opportunities*** offered through community organizations. Information will be shared with Principals to communicate.

#### **Community Use of Schools**

25. ***Staff are reviewing the re-opening guidelines to determine the level of summer permitting of TCDSB facilities.*** Communications will go out to permit holders when finalized.

#### **Student/Staff Personal Items**

26. ***Retrieval of student and staff personal items from schools will occur in line with graduation activities.*** These visits will be organized by school Principals in accordance with TPH guidelines for access to school sites.

#### **Technology**

27. ***Communication and instructions have been sent to families and principals for student loaner device recovery.*** TCDSB families have been informed that students with devices on loan for remote learning may hold onto the device over the summer and we will be in touch again in September. Students that are leaving the board are expected to return their loaner device by the end of the school year with the exception of students that will be attending a TCDSB summer program and can therefore return the device in September. Principals have been provided with instructions to process device recovery.

## **E. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

Families received a communication on May 27th advising them to keep an eye out for the return to school learning model registration which will be emailed to them over the summer on **July 16th**. The communication also indicated families will have until **August 6th** at midnight to make a selection.

*The learning model registration link with FAQs will be sent to families on July 16th.*

## **F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the consideration of the Board.