

**Important message to parents/guardians: LKDSB and SCCDSB schools
closed March 14-May 31, 2020, All School Buses Cancelled**

As you are likely aware, the Ontario Minister of Education has ordered that all Ontario schools remain closed from March 14 to May 31, 2020, in response to the emergence in Ontario of COVID-19. This closure extends from the recommendation from the Provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health and is made by Ministerial Order, which is permitted in the Education Act.

This decision is a proactive measure by the Government of Ontario to support the health and well-being of Ontarians. The health and safety of students and staff is a top priority for the LKDSB and SCCDSB. Chatham-Kent and Lambton Public Health have stated that the risk for COVID-19 in Chatham-Kent and Lambton County remains low.

The Boards continue to gather information and will follow directions from the Ministry of Education, local and provincial public health officials, the Public Health Agency of Canada and our Pandemic Influenza Protocol/Plan regarding the plan for the return to school after May 31.

During this school closure period, all school bus service is cancelled. The Boards will take direction from the Ministry of Education and local and provincial Medical Officers of Health regarding reopening schools on June 1.

All schools and school buses will receive a deep cleaning during the school closure.

Please visit the LKDSB website (www.lkdsb.net) and the SCCDSB website (www.st-clair.net) regularly for up-to-date information.