



Director's Message to Families - October 7, 2020

Dear TLDSB Families;

I would like to thank all of our staff, students, and families for your ongoing patience and understanding as we work together to keep our school communities safe. Staff in our schools and staff teaching remotely are working hard to provide the best possible teaching and learning to our students given our current circumstances and we are delighted to see how eager our students are to learn.

At the beginning of a typical school year, there are often changes that need to be made as new students arrive at a school and classrooms are adjusted. Sometimes a few students are moved to a different classroom to help ensure there are not too many or too few students in one classroom. This year, with the addition of our Learn@Home schools and the various pandemic-based protocols and accommodations, changes are taking a little longer than usual to put in place. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through these challenges.

In August, all TLDSB families were asked to decide on in-school or at-home learning for students. At this point, any parent/guardian wishing for a change from one learning option to another must have their child's name placed on a waiting list by contacting their child's home school. The waiting lists will be reviewed and changes will be made if possible over the course of the school year. Our guiding principles for these decisions include class size regulations and staffing, so not all moves may be possible. It is important to note that there is no guarantee of a change for your child.

Again, our appreciation for your continued support and dedication to the safety and well-being of our school communities. As the number of COVID-19 cases rises across the province, it is important we continue to follow our protocols in place to protect not only ourselves, but everyone around us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Hahn".

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Director of Education

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