

January 3, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year 2022.

Today, the Premier of Ontario announced a return to distance learning in elementary and secondary schools until January 16. While students were scheduled to resume learning on January 5, 2022, that day will be designated for staff to plan for virtual learning. This means that students of the Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières will begin distance learning **on Thursday, January 6, 2022.**

As a reminder, all students will participate in a total of 300 minutes of learning per day. The table below shows the minimum requirements for synchronous learning.

- Kindergarten students will participate in 180 minutes of synchronous learning per day.
- Students in grades 1-8 will participate in 225 minutes of synchronous learning per day.
- High school students will participate in 225 minutes of synchronous learning per day.

While most students with special education needs will be learning remotely during this time, please be advised that face-to-face learning will be available for high needs students for whom the necessary accommodations cannot be provided remotely. These families will be contacted by a special education staff member between January 5 and 7, 2022. As an exception, these students could therefore receive in-person learning as early as Monday, January 10, 2022.

We are also aware that some families do not have reliable access or do not have internet access at home. For these families, we ask that you please contact your child's school principal. We will work with these families to ensure that learning continues up to and including January 16, 2022. Unless otherwise noted, the return to in-person learning is scheduled for **January 17, 2022.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together we can help keep our communities safe. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Best regards,



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Director of Education