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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to let you know of a confirmed case of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our St. Joseph Catholic School community. We have been working with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) by providing lists of students and staff who may have been in contact with the individual. The TBDHU is contacting any individuals (students and staff) who have an identified high-risk exposure with the confirmed case and will give directions to follow. **If you have not been contacted, you or your child(ren) have not been identified as close contacts.**

As mentioned in the letter which went out to our parent community today on possible school closures, educators and students at St. Joseph Catholic School will pivot to distance learning. Tomorrow, Thursday March 10, will be a transition day as the Principal delivers student devices. The pivot to remote learning is due to the lack of staff and supply coverage as some staff is required to isolate. We ask for your patience and cooperation.

Please continue to monitor yourself or your child for symptoms of COVID-19 each morning. If you or your child is ill, please remain at home and call your healthcare provider for further direction. People with COVID-19 may have little to no symptoms; some symptoms are similar to the common cold or flu. Symptoms range from mild to severe. The most common symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing

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- Change in smell or taste

COVID-19 spreads from close contact with the respiratory droplets of a person infected with the virus. Respiratory droplets can be released into the air by coughing, sneezing, talking, and normal breathing. It is possible for a person to get COVID-19 by touching surfaces that have the virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose, or eyes.

To protect against COVID-19:

- Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough and/or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- Maintain 2 metres physical distancing between yourself and others
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Stay home when you are sick

Please continue to visit our Board's webpage for up-to-date information about COVID-19 cases.

We are all feeling the effects of this pandemic and we want you to know that we are doing everything we can to ensure our health, safety and well-being. We will continue to be transparent in what is happening within our schools sites as we continue to work alongside Public Health.

Sincerely,

Maria Vasanelli
Director of Education

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