

Dear DeWitt Carter Families:

On Thursday, the province announced that elementary schools across Ontario will be closed until January 25th. Our students who are enrolled in the DSBN Virtual School will not experience a change to their learning.

While we know elementary students and staff were eager to be back to in-person learning, this decision was made to keep students, staff, and our Niagara community safe.

**What this means for in-person DeWitt Carter students:**

The closure extension means that your child will continue daily learning with their homeroom teacher, engaging in synchronous, asynchronous, and independent learning. It is expected that each child is in regular attendance with the on-line, synchronous learning and that they are completing the assigned tasks. If circumstances prevent this, you need to communicate with the teacher to “catch-up” on the work or cooperatively decide on alternate ways to demonstrate the learning. You will still be able to contact the school, as we check messages daily. Additionally, your child’s homeroom teacher is still available to answer your questions.

During this closure, we encourage DSBN students and families to continue to be vigilant with safety protocols such as frequent handwashing, wearing a mask if applicable, and staying home with family.

We look forward to welcoming our boys and girls back to in-person learning on January 25th, 2021. If the province releases updated information about this plan over the next week, we will be sure to inform you as soon as we learn more. We are continually thankful for the supportive community we have here, and for the effort you are putting in to help keep each other safe from COVID-19.

Sincerely,

The DeWitt Carter Staff