

April 1, 2020



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## COMMUNITY NOTICE

**Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**Shawanosowe School & Maamwe Kendaasing Early Learning & Innovation Centre**

Due to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak, the Ontario government announced that schools and child care centres will remain closed to protect the health and safety of students and staff. This extension is being made on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Please be informed that Shawanosowe School and Maamwe Kendaasing Early Learning & Innovation Centre will remain closed until May 4, 2020. As these dates come closer, this decision will be re-evaluated based on public health advice. The closure may be extended, if necessary to protect the health and safety of students, families and staff.

Shawanosowe School students will continue with their online learning through *Google Classroom* and *Seesaw*. Shawanosowe School staff are posting daily assignments and keeping in touch digitally with all students and families. So far, students have been able to respond to learning tasks, post pictures and videos of their activities, and most importantly, stay connected with teachers, educational assistants, and peers. Everyone involved has also been enjoying meaningful collaboration using *Google Meet* to video conference. Both staff and students look forward to continuing using these educational platforms to remain connected with each other. Our goal is to ensure our students continue to safely learn and to provide some sense of stability and hope for them amid these unprecedented times.

We recognize the significant impact this decision will have on families, students, staff, as well as the broader community, but this precaution is necessary to keep people safe.

We can provide more information as it becomes available.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact Acting Principal Tiffany Gagan at [tgagan@shawanosowe.ca](mailto:tgagan@shawanosowe.ca) or **705-862-2508**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Jacko'. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Art Jacko, Band Manager

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