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Dear Cedarwood Families!

We hope this message reaches you in health and safety. We have been facing an unprecedented time where life as we know it has been paused. Staying home and indoors has been the way of life for the past seven weeks, and we've just been given notification that YRDSB schools will continue to be closed until May 29, as per Ministry of Education requirements and guidelines.

We've all had to adapt to a new way of being. Social distancing from family and friends, and schooling from a distance. Online learning has replaced face to face schooling, and staff have been working hard to build inclusive and collaborative working spaces for our students to continue their academic learning. Staff have been connecting virtually with students in whole groups, over the phone, and via emails to support students face this time with hope and optimism.

As of last week, we were able to lend approximate 200 chromebooks from Cedarwood to help families who had no access to technology. During this time, we need to consider the needs of all families and support them as best as we can. Our staff have been working hard to create online learning opportunities for their students, so please reach out to your childs' classroom teachers first with your questions and concerns. However, Mrs. Jessa and I are here for you. Please feel free to reach out to us directly at <u>gary.young@yrdsb.ca</u> or <u>fatima.jessa@yrdsb.ca</u> if you need any support.

Mr. Gary Young,	Mrs. Fatima Jessa
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Resource for Families during COVID-19

Mental Health Resources for Families List of Community Mental Health and Financial Supports Online Learning Resources for Parents, Families and Students Tips for Families to Support Online Learning

York Region Emergency Food Resources During COVID-19 https://yrfn.ca

