



# E Bulletin – June 2020

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Dear Cedarwood Families!

As we continue to progress in our online learning, we've had many opportunities to communicate with staff about our students. We know many of our staff connect regularly with students and families to support well-being and achievement during this time. The well-being of our community is at the heart of what we do and we recognize that these times have impacted many of our families in multiple ways.

We're aware of the significant events in the past weeks that have impacted the well-being of some of our families in the community. Even though we remain physically apart at this time, we remain united as a community in the face of these upsetting incidents of anti-Black racism. Together, we must name these acts of hate as deplorable because they are just that. Former US President Barack Obama said in response to this tragic event, "If we want our children to grow up in a nation that lives up to its highest ideals, we can and must do better." Each of our students, staff and community member's needs to feel safe and be safe and everyone has a responsibility to create the necessary conditions to achieve this. By bringing these hateful acts to the forefront of discussion, supporting each other and taking action, we reinforce our commitment and dedication to the creation of an inclusive, equitable world free from oppression. We know anti-Black racism is not confined to American society, as it is unfortunately the lived experience of many here in Canada. At the YRDSB, we are firmly committed to strengthening our resolve in working toward removing systemic barriers that prevent our students from growing up and thriving in a nation that lives up to its highest ideals. This can only be achieved by building it together. ([YRDSB message](#)) Currently, if you have concerns about your child's emotional well-being, please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher or to us directly, so that we may arrange for appropriate support for your family.

All students in grades 1 to 8 will receive a final report card at the end of the school year. Kindergarten students will still receive a Kindergarten Communication of Learning report. Report cards will be based on assessment information from February 2 to March 13 which is the period prior to schools being closed by order of the Minister of Education. Teachers will continue to support student learning for the remainder of the school year by providing meaningful, curriculum based programming while providing feedback to students.

Please share your feedback with the Board about online learning through the survey link within this newsletter. As always, please reach out to either Mr. Young at [gary.young@yrdsb.ca](mailto:gary.young@yrdsb.ca), and/or Ms. Jessa at [fatima.jessa@yrdsb.ca](mailto:fatima.jessa@yrdsb.ca) for any questions you may have.

Regards,

**Gary Young, Principal**

**Fatima Jessa, Vice Principal**

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## Message from Our Trustee

Dear families:

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well and are healthy. The past few months have been full of change and uncertainty as we respond to the global pandemic and try to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As a Board of Trustees, we know that our families have experienced this pandemic and the school closures in different ways, and we want you to know that our thoughts have been with you all.

Our school board moved quickly to introduce our [Learning and Caring Plan](#) through an intentionally phased approach. Our plan focused on both supporting student well-being and providing continuation of learning for more than 127,000 students. A plan was developed that respected each family's unique situations and focused on maintaining a caring, safe and inclusive learning environment. To support this, over 20,000 pieces of technology were distributed to ensure that all of our students could access the learning opportunities available to them, and resources and plans were put in place to support all of our learners, including students with special education needs and English language learners.

More information about the Learning and Caring plan as well as tips, resources and supports for students and families to support well-being and online learning can be found at [www.yrdsb.ca/covid19](http://www.yrdsb.ca/covid19).

We are all part of a larger community and I am inspired to see the many different ways schools, families and students maintained their connections with one another. It was also moving to see the many inspiring ways our school board, students, staff and families acknowledged our frontline workers and made contributions to the fight against COVID-19. As a school board, for example, we [donated over 145,000 pieces of personal protective equipment](#), including gloves, masks and more.

Each and every one of us has made a difference - in staying home as much as possible and following [public health guidelines](#). I know that this has meant making sacrifices.

To our graduating class of 2020, I know this is not the graduating year you had hoped for. I appreciate that the school closures will not affect your ability to graduate, however this unique situation and the need to postpone graduations has been disappointing. I remain tremendously proud of all of our graduates and look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you as soon as we are able to reschedule the graduation ceremonies.

In addition, I know that you have missed out on field trips, awards events, athletic banquets, spirit days, assemblies, our annual [Celebrating Student Success awards](#) and the many other ways we extend learning, connect as a community and celebrate the achievements of our students.

We have also been unable to gather together as we normally would in our schools and communities to celebrate or recognize important dates, including Sikh Heritage Month, Pesach, Good Friday, Easter (Western), Vaisakhi, Holy Friday, Orthodox Easter (Eastern), Ridvan, Jewish Heritage Month, Asian/South Asian Heritage Month, Ramadan, Pride, National Indigenous History Month, Italian Heritage Month and Portuguese Heritage Month. As a Board, these dates of significance are important for us to acknowledge and we will continue to celebrate and value the wealth of diversity in our community.

As the school year comes to a close, I want to wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy summer. I look forward to a time when we can welcome your children back into our schools again. We know that families have questions about what the return to school will look like. We will continue to share information with you as it becomes available. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue following public health guidelines and to stay connected.

A [message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees](#) is also available on the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

**Juanita Nathan**  
Trustee, Markham, Wards 7 and 8

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## **Black History Month Poster Contest Voting –**

Dear Families,

During the month of February, York Region District School Board held a student poster contest to determine our official Black History Month poster for 2021.

We received over 250 submissions, and a panel of experts has narrowed it down to four finalists. In order to determine the winner, the Board will be holding a virtual vote open to all YRDSB students and staff. Voting will take place via:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBpzNMB2tmWQI1M1g1YH-125KNX2Xwr-W2kPeOduz9FoLnDA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBpzNMB2tmWQI1M1g1YH-125KNX2Xwr-W2kPeOduz9FoLnDA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Voting is limited to one vote per person and will take place from June 3-5

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**Our grade 8's have shared their creative and responsive task in support of our Front line workers with this Citizenship Activity – HAVE A LOOK!**



Mr. Malo's class:

[Thank you, Front Line Workers!](#)

Mr. Teeuwen's class:

[Thank you, Front Line Workers!](#)

Mr. Sasaki's class:

[Thank you Front Line Workers!](#)

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## [Online Survey – Please read the information in Farsi, Urdu, Tamil, Simplified Chinese and Hindi below](#)

Dear families,

I hope you and your families are healthy and well. Our staff miss seeing our students in person each day. I know I speak on behalf of all staff when I say, we look forward to seeing everyone as soon as it's safe to do so.

Your voice is important to us and we are asking for you to share your thoughts through a quick, [online survey](#). We are hoping to learn your thoughts and ideas in real-time about the [Learning and Caring Plan](#), until the end of this school year and to inform decision making for our return in September.

You can participate anonymously and your responses will be confidential. As always, your participation is voluntary.

Your responses will help our Board assess and inform best practices related to our programs and services.

Thank you,

Louise Sirisko  
Director of Education

گھرانوں عزیز ،

گے۔ ہوں صحت مند اور سے خیریت عیال و اہل کے آپ اور آپ کہ ہے امید مجھے  
میں ہے۔ تا آ یاد بہت دیکھنا پر طور ذاتی روزانہ کو طلباء ہمارے کو عملے ہمارے  
کہتا یہ میں جب ہوں کرتا عرض سے کی جانب عملے تمام اپنے میں کہ ہوں جانتا  
ہوگا۔ محفوظ کرنا ایسا ہی جیسے میں چاہتے دیکھنا از جلد سب کو جلد ہم کہ ہوں

آپ کہہ میں کرتے عرض یہ سے آپ ہم اور قیمتی ہے بہت لیے ہمارے رائے کی آپ ہم مگر اور فوری اس [سروے لائن آن](#) کریں۔ سے ذریعے کے اظہار کا آراء اپنی ، میں کرنے کو مکمل سروے اس آپ کہہ میں کرتے افزائی کی حوصلہ آپ پر بات اس ہم کہہ میں کرتے امید ہم )۔ کریں استعمال کا ٹرانسلیٹ گوگل لیے کے معاونت بے دستیاب [کے نگہداشت اور سیکھنے نظریات](#) کے آپ متعلق کے کے سال تعلیمی اس گے سکیں ن جا میں وقت اصل تک اختتام ، [یلان کیئرنگ اینڈ لرننگ \(منصوبے\)](#) لیے اس کے سازی خیالات اور ، فیصلہ وقت کے واپسی ہماری میں ماہ ستمبر کہ تاکہ ہو سکے۔ حاصل آگاہی سے ذریعے کے

راز بصیغہ جوابات کے آپ اور میں سکتے لے حصہ بھی کے بغیر شناخت میں اس آپ طرح ہمیشہ کی اور ، ہے۔ رضاکارانہ کی شرکت آپ گے۔ رہیں

بورڈ متعلق کے مشقوں بہترین لیے کے خدمات اور لائحہ عمل ہمارے جوابات کے آپ گے۔ ہوں مفید ثابت میں دینے معلومات اور کرنے تشخیص کو ناظم سیریسکو۔ لوئیس شکریہ ،

亲爱的家长，

希望您和您的家人健康平安。我们所有的教职工每天都挂念我们的学生。我知道我的话代表所有员工的心声，希望在安全的情况下尽快与大家相见。

您的反馈意见对我们很重要，因此请您通过快速的[在线调查问卷](#)分享您的想法（遗憾的是，本调查仅有英语版本，然而我们鼓励您使用 Google 翻译帮助您完成本调查）。我们希望能够了解您对直到本学年结束的[学习与关怀计划](#)之想法及意见并告知我们九月返回学校的决策。

您可以匿名参加，并且您的回复将是保密的。与往常一样，调查问卷的参与是自愿性的。

您的答复将帮助校局评估及让我们知道如何实践计划和服务的最佳做法。

谢谢，

Louise Sirisko 女士

Director of Education 约克区校局局长

Letter from Director – Translation in Tamil please open the attachment below...

இந்த கடிதம் தமிழில் மமமொழிமயரப்ப்டன் ம க்கம் 2 வழங்கப்ம  
Lடுள்ளது



Letter from Director -  
May 27 (Tamil).pdf

प्रिय परिवारों,

मुझे आशा है कि आप और आपके परिवार स्वस्थ और अच्छी तरह से होंगे। हमारे कर्मचारी प्रत्येक दिन हमारे छात्रों को याद करते हैं। मुझे पता है कि जब मैं कहता हूं तो मैं सभी कर्मचारियों की ओर से बोलता हूं, हम ऐसा करने के लिए सुरक्षित होते ही सभी को देखने के लिए उत्सुक हैं।

आपकी आवाज़ हमारे लिए महत्वपूर्ण है और हम आपसे एक त्वरित, [ऑनलाइन सर्वेक्षण](#) के माध्यम से अपने विचार साझा करने के लिए कह रहे हैं। हम इस स्कूल वर्ष के अंत तक और सितंबर में हमारी वापसी के लिए निर्णय लेने की सूचना देने के लिए, [लर्निंग और कैरिंग](#) प्लान के बारे में वास्तविक समय में आपके विचारों को जानने की उम्मीद कर रहे हैं।

आप गुमनाम रूप से भाग ले सकते हैं और आपकी प्रतिक्रियाएँ गोपनीय होंगी। हमेशा की तरह, आपकी भागीदारी स्वैच्छिक है।

आपकी प्रतिक्रियाएं हमारे बोर्ड को हमारे कार्यक्रमों और सेवाओं से संबंधित सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं का आकलन करने और सूचित करने में मदद करेंगी।

धन्यवाद,

लुईस सिरिसको

शिक्षा निदेशक

خانواده های عزیز ،  
امیدوارم شما و خانواده تان سالم و سلامت  
باشید. کارکنان ما دلتنگ دیدار حضوری و  
روزانه دانش آموزان هستند. با توجه به اینکه  
من به نمایندگی از همه کارکنان صحبت می  
کنم، اعلام می نمایم که ما همگی مشتاقانه منتظر  
هستیم که همه را به محض اطمینان از شرایط امن  
ببینیم.

نظرات شما مثل همیشه برای ما اهمیت دارد و از  
شما خواستاریم تا در این [نظرسنجی سریع و آنلاین](#)  
، نظریات خود را با ما به اشتراک بگذارید. ما  
امیدواریم که نظرات و ایده های واقعی شما در  
خصوص [برنامه آموزشی و مراقبت](#) را تا پایان سال  
تحصیلی بیاموزیم و تصمیم گیری لازم را برای  
بازگشایی در ماه سپتامبر اطلاع رسانی کنیم.  
شما می توانید به صورت ناشناس در این نظرسنجی  
شرکت کنید و پاسخ های شما محرمانه خواهد بود.  
مثل همیشه ، مشارکت شما داوطلبانه است.  
پاسخهای شما به هیئت ما کمک می کند تا بهترین  
شیوه های مربوط به برنامه ها و خدمت رسانی را  
ارزیابی و اطلاع رسانی کنیم.  
متشکرم ،

لوئیز سیریسکو  
مدیر آموزش