

April 23, 2021

Dear parents, families and guardians of Hillside Junior Senior High School Students:

This morning the provincial government approved Northern Gateway Public Schools' application to transition Hillside Junior/Senior High School students to online learning, starting **Monday 26th, 2021** and returning to in-person instruction on **Monday, May 3rd**.

This represents the first request by the school jurisdiction to the province for a short-term shift to on-line learning. Hillside Junior Senior High currently has a significant number of staff and students in quarantine or isolation. Coupled with a shortage of substitute teachers this has challenged the school's ability to support in-school instruction.

What will this look like?

Pick up for student Chromebooks will be arranged between the school and students/parents. Subject class teachers will be in contact with students on Friday, April 23rd to deliver direction related to on-line class instruction.

Students with Specialized Supports

The school will contact parents of students with specialized learning supports to make arrangements for ongoing program delivery.

I commend our students and staff who have shown immense adaptability in the face of significant changes over the past year. Though it is difficult to see an end to this pandemic, we have cause to be hopeful. Vaccines continue to be administered, our students continue to demonstrate resilience in learning, and our staff remain committed to doing all they can in supporting our students.

Hillside Junior Senior High and Northern Gateway Public Schools continue to take the steps necessary to keep our students and staff safe.

We are grateful for your continued support and shared commitment.

Be well and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Kevin Andrea
Superintendent of School