



Colin Healy, Principal  
Carlo Schiattarella, Board Chairperson

Letter #6  
March 17, 2020

Dear School Community,

Thank you for all of your support and understanding during what has proven to be a very difficult crisis throughout the world. We appreciate you staying in touch with us and helping us provide a quality instructional program for your children as we make the transition from in-school teaching to online distance learning. Much has happened since Friday when we decided to close our school building. On Sunday, the Mayor also closed all city public school buildings. As a result of that closure our Board of Directors has decided to extend the closure of our school building from March 16, 2020 to April 20, 2020. We will however continue to assess the situation to make a more informed decision about whether to open the school building on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will also continue to communicate with you during the next few weeks to share information and any new developments that impact our school community and any changes regarding the reopening of our school building.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that students are expected to begin their online learning today, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, by logging onto the Google Classroom Platform. All students at AECI have access and use Google Classroom, an online program that allows them to access lessons and assignments through their own computer or internet-connected cell phone. Yesterday, teachers spent the day planning and have posted daily video lessons and assignments for each class a student has on a given day. Students will be able to access the videos and assignments anytime during the day. This will allow our students to work at their own pace; however, they are expected to complete the assignment for each class daily by 4 pm. Completed assignments will be used to determine your child's daily school attendance. Students will also be able to communicate with their teachers via email to ask questions or to receive individual help. Students who need computers should come to the school with the completed form already from 12 pm-4pm on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.



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I want to again reiterate my and our staff's commitment to assuring that during this transition our students continue to receive quality instruction and services that will guarantee their continued learning and development.

Please continue to visit our website where we will post any new information and we ask that you please follow all the recommended advice from the Department of Health to keep you and your families safe.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Colin Healy  
Principal