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UPDATE RE: PREMIER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION
EXTEND CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

The Algoma District School Board advises parents that today, the Minister of Education announced that, based on expert advice from public health officials, schools will remain closed until at least May 31st and that steps are being taken to ensure online and distance learning can continue. In responding to media questions, Minister Lecce also indicated:

- the government is taking a careful approach which provides medical experts the time to review the modelling and to make the best decision for the safety of our students and the future of learning;
- regardless of what transpires over the coming weeks, Ontario’s students will be able to complete their school year with confidence;
- all students will receive final marks and those marks will be partially based on students’ participation in an online/distance program launched in late March;
- in an effort to increase instruction time amid the closure, most of the remaining professional activity days (PA Days) are replaced with instruction time;
- an expanded summer learning program will focus on credit recovery, supports for vulnerable students and course upgrading (details to follow in coming weeks);
- the government is exploring all options for September.

If further details and information are provided to School Boards, we will make the information available to parents. Based on today’s announcement, we will continue our “Continuity of Learning Plan,” which will include a review to determine if any adjustments are necessary. We are grateful for the home-school partnerships we have established and will continue to provide meaningful learning experiences.

Stay safe and please continue to monitor media and our communications.

~ Algoma District School Board ~