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Dear students and families of Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School,

Welcome back from a very unusual March Break. In these unprecedented times I hope all families and students are safe at home.

We have been working on developing plans to continue to engage students and keep your learning moving forward during the school closures. Due to the extension of the shutdown of schools, we will be moving to a model of online and distance learning with your courses. We will all require time to adjust to this new approach to learning. We appreciate your patience as we sort out all of the details of this transition.

In making this adjustment to your classes we encourage students to check in with your teachers. If you are already using D2L, Google Classrooms or other online tools, look to them for direction. For those classes not yet online, we will be working with teachers to get this set up over the next week. Please check these tools regularly for updates.

We know that many families or students may not have a device or Internet access, and we are making plans to support you. I am asking that you reach out to me and we will determine a plan moving forward to support your learning.

The Ministry has posted some materials <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>. The DSBN has added a link to our website <https://www.dsbn.org/learn-from-home> to provide you with some additional learning resources. We will continue to add to these over the next few days. Our DSBN Grade 11 and 12 Math Homework Help has expanded its tutoring hours next week to include daytime hours and we will be adding tutors and additional subject areas in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for updates.

We encourage you to continue to follow public health directions about social distancing to help decrease the spread of the Covid-19 virus to others.

If you have questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. If there are fellow classmates who cannot access this message, please reach out to them and share the contact information below with them. We want to make accommodations and support the learning of all students.

Sincerely,

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