

REGIONAL UPDATE

From the TCRCE Regional Executive Director of Education



Tri-County

Regional Centre for Education



Schools Remain Closed through May 22 2020.

TCRCE is working remotely to support students and families. Please reach out anytime:

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On April 19, 2020, our province experienced an unimaginable tragedy. We wish to extend our condolences to everyone impacted by this senseless act of violence, and we are here for you in these difficult and stressful times. Our staff are working remotely and are available to you through phone or email.

We are a small province consisting of close-knit communities, and we must continue to support each other. If you are in need of support, please reach out to connect with us, with our staff, or with mental health. The wellbeing of our students and their families is of utmost important to us.

The provincial mobile mental health crisis line is available 24/7:

Call toll-free: [1-888-429-8167](tel:1-888-429-8167)

Kids Help Phone trained counsellors are also available 24/7:

Call toll-free: [1-800-668-6868](tel:1-800-668-6868)

Text NSSTRONG to 686868

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**MESSAGE FROM
THE REGIONAL
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Hello everyone,

As we continue to navigate through this at home learning phase, resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic, we are working very hard to provide learning opportunities and supporting the well-being of our TCRCE students. When we started the 2019-20 school year, we could not have anticipated where we would be in April. With that being said, TCRCE staff wakes up every school day and does their best to meet the needs of students and families in these unprecedented times. We all miss being in school, and look forward to having things return to normal. Until that time, we will do whatever we can to support everyone in our TCRCE family.

I cannot say enough about how much I appreciate the work that families throughout our Region are doing in their homes. I do understand the challenges trying to support your children's education at home has presented. I am thankful for all of your efforts, and know everyone is doing the best they can. Again – thank you so much for this.

My question to families at this moment is, “How can we help?” We know different families need different levels of support. There is no one size fits all approach. TCRCE is doing our best to customize support to the students and families we work with. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher at any point if there are things we can do to better support you. We are open to your feedback, and want to help in any way we can.

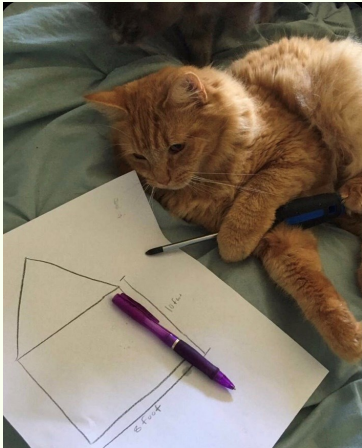
I wish you well as we all continue to take our lead from Public Health and ensure we support our communities by practicing social distancing and prevent the spread of COVID 19.

All the best,

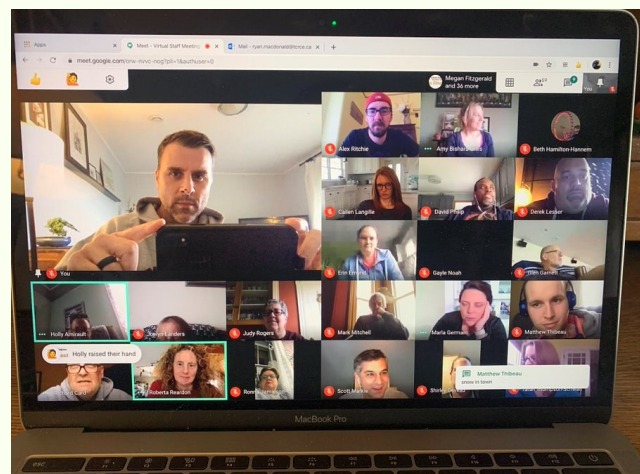
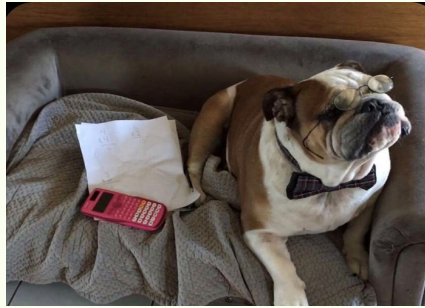
Dr. Chris Boulter
Regional Executive Director, TCRCE

STRONGER TOGETHER

At-home learning has been a new experience for all of us. While it has presented some challenges, we have also seen incredible connections between our educators, support staff, and families. We miss seeing our students in person, and are so grateful for these moments of togetherness.



BMHS O2 students submitted pictures of their pets doing schoolwork. We are very impressed with the baby chicks in cupcake liners.



DIGBY SCHOOLSPLUS COMMUNITY RESOURCE

“When the Province of NS announced the closure of schools due to Covid-19, Digby SchoolsPlus came together to think of innovative ways to virtually create a document with important and useful information that could be shared with our communities. Our focus was to identify possible gaps in service delivery and to gain a better understanding of how services were continuing to be offered as a result of Covid-19.

In mid-March, Digby SchoolsPlus staff reached out to our SchoolsPlus Regional Advisory Committee and requested updates on new information from their programs. The SchoolsPlus Regional Advisory includes members from, NSHA, DCS, Family Resource Centers, Justice, Juniper House, YReach services and many more. The response to this request was overwhelming and we were inundated with information.

As we moved forward with this project, we partnered with staff from Turning the Tide, and worked together to identify additional local initiatives that were being done in our communities. We received information from community halls, churches, community cupboards and other programs like care mongering groups. We also added links to important government websites such as, NS Government, NSHA, Mental Health and Addictions and the DEECD (TCRCE) to name a few.

A living document, entitled, Digby & Area Community Supports and Information during COVID-19 was then created by the hard work of our SchoolsPlus team (PN, SPCOW, and CYCP) and our partners with Turning the Tide. The living document was launched last month and we have received positive feedback about how useful the document has been during these difficult times. The document continues to be updated weekly, as we continue to receive new information. Our community partners have referred to the document in the work that they do with their clients, and educators have shared the document in their classrooms to be used as a tool for assignments and for E-Learning.

At a time when physical distancing has presented many challenges and has altered the ways in which we provide services to children, youth and families, this project is just one of the many examples of the strong partnerships and supports that we have in our communities, especially in times of need.”

To view the living document, click [HERE](#).

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

ADDITIONAL INFO FROM THE REGION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

PROVINCE WIDE

We recognize that these are extraordinary times. Government and our public education system have made learning a priority, while still protecting the health and safety of students and teachers. Students and families will continue to have access to e-learning and at-home options that will be assignment and project focused, so they may continue their education.

Families without access to technology can sign-up for home flyer delivery via SaltWire at <http://saltwire.com/nshomelearning> or call 1-800-565-3339. If you already receive flyers you will receive the learning package. We understand this is a challenging time for families. The Learning Plan is not meant to add more stress. If the Learning Plan is causing additional stress, please contact your child's teacher or principal to discuss. Students who need additional support will continue to receive it.

[1st Edition of Primary—Grade 9 NS At-Home Learning](#)

[2nd Edition of Primary—Grade 9 NS At-Home Learning](#)

We appreciate everyone's patience and commitment to education. We have created a website with tips on reading, ideas for planning and appropriate online tools at <https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/learning-home>. Any student who is on-track to graduate will graduate. Any student on track to move to the next grade will pass. Provincial exams and assessments are cancelled for the remainder of the year.

Stay well. Reach out if you need support. We are all in this together.



#NovaScotiaStrong: Support is available 24/7

All services are free, confidential, and in English and French.

Kids Help Phone 

1-800-668-6868

Text **NSSTRONG**
to **686868**

CRISIS TEXT LINE |

Texting support for adults

Text **NSSTRONG**
to **741741**



1.833.292.3698
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Post-Secondary Student Helpline

Text **GOOD2TALKNS**
to **686868**

Frontline workers can text
FRONTLINE to **741741**

For more information and resources,
visit: **KidsHelpPhone.ca**


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Reminder: with winter arriving, remember to check our website or Twitter feed, or listen to your local radio station, for updates around school cancellations due to weather or road conditions.

