

A Message from the Head of School

Dear parents and guardians,

I am writing to provide an update regarding the status of Albert College's academic year in light of today's announcement by the Government of Ontario.

Extended School Closures

This afternoon, Premier Ford and Education Minister Lecce announced that public schools will remain closed until **May 4, 2020**, at a minimum, as a public health measure. Please read the [official News Release here](#).

If the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams, recommends an extension of these closures, both the Premier and Minister Lecce confirmed that Ontario will comply.

Although this extended school closure, as per the Education Act, applies only to public schools, it signals the approach the provincial government will take for private schools and child care centres. In the memo, the Ontario government specifies:

Private schools, licensed child care centres and EarlyON programs will also remain closed until April 13, according to the Declaration of Emergency, which only allows closures to be extended for one 14-day period at a time.

It is expected that private and independent schools, licensed child care centres and EarlyON programs will be ordered to remain closed for the duration of the public school closures.

Based on these developments, our in-person classes will continue to be suspended until at least May 4, 2020. While a May 4th reopening would be truly wonderful, this is unlikely to happen and we will likely have our Remote Learning program continuing for the rest of this academic year. We will know more in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this situation further, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 613-968-5726. Stay safe everyone!

Sincerely,
Mark Musca