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Dear Parents and Guardians of Elementary Students;

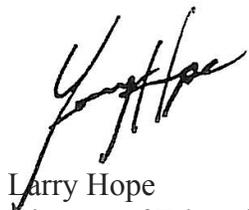
Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and that you and your family are settling back into the routines of fall and a new school year.

As you may already be aware, there have been a number of announcements over the summer months about curriculum changes and funding for various programs in schools in Ontario.

Today, we write for two purposes. First, we want to confirm that we have directed our elementary teachers to teach the recently updated Health and Physical Education Curriculum as set out by the Ministry of Education. We have always followed the curriculum in Trillium Lakelands District School Board, and we will continue to do so. Our elementary teachers have also been directed to ensure that the needs of today's learners are met in all subject areas, and that our philosophy of inclusion for all students within our communities should continue to be followed. This means that teachers and school staff will continue to use their judgment when designing and delivering lessons in all subject areas.

As always, we encourage parents and guardians to be actively involved in the education of their children, and we promote an open line of communication between home and school. Given recent commentary around a so-called "snitch line," we'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the communication process that has existed and has worked well for many years across the district. You will find the process outlined as part of this letter. If you have concerns with school or curriculum related issues, we encourage you to follow the steps outlined here as well as in our elementary student agendas.

We wish you and your children the very best for an excellent year of learning and growth.



Larry Hope
Director of Education

Do You Have a Concern About Your Child's Education?

Education is a shared experience involving the home and the school and it can be strengthened by open communication between the two. Follow these steps if you have a concern about your child's education:

FIRST: Contact the classroom teacher and discuss the situation.

THEN – *if the situation has not been resolved:*

Contact the Principal and request help in dealing with the matter.

THEN – *if necessary:*

Contact the Superintendent of your child's school. Call 1.888.526.5552 and ask for the name of the Superintendent for your child's school.

THEN – *if necessary:*

Contact the Director of Education who is the Chief Executive Officer through the school board office at 1.888.526.5552.

THEN – *if necessary, and if the situation has not been resolved:*

Contact your local trustee. Contact numbers can be found on our website.

Concerns pertaining to things other than your child's education may be directed through TLDSB Corporate Services at 1.888.526.5552.