

## Regional Executive Director of Education

May 7, 2021

Families:

At today's news briefing, Premier Iain Rankin announced that schools in Nova Scotia will remain closed until at least the end of May to prevent the spread of COVID-19. [Click here](#) to read the full news release.

Teaching and learning will continue online. With seven weeks left in the school year, there's still lots of valuable time for students to learn and grow. Teachers will continue to take attendance and complete assessments. For more information on what assessments will look like, [click here](#).

As we head into the weekend, I want to thank you for your continued support with at-home learning. You, along with our staff and our students, have made this all possible. Many of you have shared with us that your experiences have been positive, which is awesome.

I also acknowledge that none of this is easy. Many of you are juggling your own full-time jobs while supporting your children with school. I also know those aren't your only responsibilities. These are extremely trying times, but it's important to remember that you are not alone. If your family needs support in any way, don't hesitate to reach out.

If you have questions about your child's learning, please call or email their teacher or the school principal. If you are unable to access food during the school closures, Feed Nova Scotia and local food support programs are ready to help. 211 online is available 24/7 to provide more information and connect you to your nearest option. If you are unable to access food support from a local food program, Feed Nova Scotia's COVID-19 Emergency Food Box Program is available. Call 211 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to see if the program is a good fit.

If you have questions about services and programs available to support your family, our SchoolsPlus team is available year-round. For contact information by school, please see the attached page of family support resources. We all know that the best place for children is in school, but at this time, we all have to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to follow Public Health guidelines, get tested regularly and stay close to home.

Be well,



Elwin LeRoux,  
Regional Executive Director of Education

# Supports for Families



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HRCE SchoolsPlus offers families and students confidential services, support to ensure student success and help in finding the right services and programs, 12 months a year. Text, call or email to self-refer. It's free.

**Auburn Family of Schools**  
[Emma Pringle Boutilier](#)  
902-476-7651

**Eastern Shore Family of Schools**  
[Emma Pringle Boutilier](#)  
902-476-7651

**Millwood Family of Schools**  
[Kaleigh McConnell](#)  
902-399-8321

**Citadel Family of Schools**  
[Sharon Steeves](#)  
902-219-3668

**Halifax West Family of Schools**  
[Bonnie Pero](#)  
902-399-8314

**Marine Drive Academy & Musquodoboit Rural Family of Schools**  
[Kim Gariepy](#)  
902-221-5954

**Cole Harbour Family of Schools**  
[Jennifer Fougere](#)  
902-483-8367

**Island View Family of Schools**  
[Jennifer Fougere](#)  
902-483-8367

**Prince Andrew Family of Schools**  
[Nicole MacFarlane](#)  
902-240-1148

**CP Allen Family of Schools**  
[Sherry Battiste](#)  
902-471-2445

**J.L. Ilsley Family of Schools**  
[Alicia Barrett](#)  
902-399-8317

**Sackville High Family of Schools**  
[Kaleigh McConnell](#)  
902-399-8321

**Dartmouth High Family of Schools**  
[Bernice Arthur](#)  
902-497-3163

**Lockview Family of Schools**  
[Kim Gariepy](#)  
902-221-5954

**Sir John A. Family of Schools**  
[Sherry Battiste](#)  
902-471-2445



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Help Starts Here



CALL 211

TEXT 211

EMAIL 211

LIVE CHAT

211 offers connection to the programs and services in your community.

**Kids Help Phone**

Whenever you need to talk, Kids Help Phone is open.



Text 686868



Call 1-800-668-6868



[KidsHelpPhone.ca](https://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

**Provincial Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line**  
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
**1-888-429-8167** toll free

**Mental Health and Addictions Intake**  
Available weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**1-855-922-1122** toll free

Community Mental Health and Addictions clinics, Withdrawal Management Services, or Opioid Replacement and Treatment Program

**Here's where you can get tested**

[NSHealth.ca/CoronavirusTesting](https://NSHealth.ca/CoronavirusTesting)

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