



NOTICE

Date: August 12, 2020

From: Chief & Council and Education

Re: Education Update

Aaniin Citizens,

On July 30, 2020 the Ford Government announced their plan for the re-opening of schools. As of last week the School Boards were working on finalizing their re-opening plans.

Since this announcement Karrie MacMurray, our Education Councillor, has been in touch with both Kawartha Pine Ridge (KPR) District School Board and the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington (PVNC) Catholic District School Board Directors of Education regarding their re-opening plans.

On August 11, Karrie and I spoke with both Jennifer Leclerc, Director of Education for KPR and Michael Nasello, Director of Education for PVNC. KPR reviewed their plan with us and PVNC will have their plan ready for Thursday, August 13, 2020. They will forward their plan to us once completed.

It was noted on these calls by both School Boards that parents must declare if their child(ren) will be attending onsite full time in person learning **OR** full time online/remote learning by Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

It is important for our parents to have the most reliable information possible to make an informed decision on whether to send your child(ren) back to school or have online/remote learning, and we will send out more information as it becomes available. Karrie has also included an Education Update with this notice which provides the most accurate information we have to date.

We have set up Community Zoom meetings for parents to be able to ask questions on the Schools Re-opening Plans. Our meeting with Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board is on **Tuesday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m.**

Our meeting with the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington (PVNC) Catholic District School Board on **Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Registration information for HFN - KPR and the HFN - PVNC meetings is noted on the Education Update page.

KPR is also hosting their own virtual meeting for parents in the KPR school district on **Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (tonight)** to review the School's Re-opening Plans. Karrie has provided the link to this meeting on the attached Education Update page – we encourage you to listen in.

These meetings will hopefully provide you with the information you need to make your decision and help us to understand your concerns and how we can assist you once you have made your decision of either in-person class or online/remote learning.

We will continue to send out information as we receive it and look forward to hearing from you in regards to your child(ren) and new school year. Please feel free to contact Karrie MacMurray or Chief Laurie Carr should you have any questions.

Chi-Miigwetch,
Chief Laurie Carr

“Our Citizens and Community remain our first priority and we will work to mitigate risks for best possible outcomes moving forward through the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Education Update

- We are hosting Community Zoom Meeting for HFN Families of KPR and with PVNC in order to have a discussion on both of the School Board's "Schools Re-opening Plans". They will be able to answer any questions you may have before making your declaration known to the Board of what your child(ren) will be undertaking this school year – onsite full time in person learning **OR** Full time Online/Remote Learning.

Date to Declare for both Boards – August 19, 2020

- The KPR's School Board Plan can be located on line at the following link - <http://www.kprschoools.ca/content/dam/kpr/documents/KPR%20Return%20to%20School%20Plan%20September%202020%20-%20revAug%2010.pdf>

If you need a paper copy of this document – please let me know at kmacmurray@hiawathafn.ca or 705-295-4421.

- The Hiawatha Community Zoom Meeting with KPR is set for **Tuesday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m.**

To register for the HFN – KPR meeting, please use the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6oyf96j>

- The Board of Trustees for KPR meets virtually **(tonight) Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** At this meeting the **School's Re-opening Plan** will also be reviewed, discussed, and possibly approved.

I would strongly encourage you to watch this meeting live stream via the following link: http://www.kprschoools.ca/en/our_board/boardroom/meetings.html

At this meeting you will get to see first hand, the document being reviewed and discussed which could help to shape our discussions in the zoom meeting we are trying to arrange for August 17, 2020.

- We are also working with PVNC School Board as well in terms of accessing and discussing their Schools Re-opening Plan, and have a Community Zoom Meeting is set for **Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

To register for the HFN - PVNC meeting, please use the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6cepe63>

We have and will continue to talk with both School Boards about the following:

- Breakfast Club – there will not be one at school – so at the community level, we will have to address this for both our online and onsite learners;
- School Bus Transportation – social distancing, masks, student rules, and sanitation;
- Community Hours – they will be deferred until further notice;
- Ojibway Classes – KPR – they do think they will run onsite but they will have to let us know about online classes and if they will be available to the remote learners as they are limited in Language Teachers.

Now that we know in Ontario, how Education will proceed, and in order to make the necessary and upcoming decision on August 19, 2020, you need accurate information, therefore, please know you can reach out to myself and I will help get you the information needed.

I will also provide updates as they become available to me. The question we are operating with as we navigate through the new rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines students will have to follow, is always “how can we help you, the student and the family with respect to support and school”.

Please see the links provided and feel free to attend the KPR virtual meeting this Wednesday evening.

Miigwetch and talk to you soon,

Karrie MacMurray
Education Counsellor
Hiawatha First Nation