

Dear Parents and Care-givers,

As we end the first week of students' return to virtual learning, we all are eager to know when elementary and secondary schools will be open again to in-person learning. Unfortunately, we do not have the answer to that as yet from the provincial government. We will share that information with you once we have it.

In the meantime, KPR has another important date to share with you. If you wish your child or teen to learn online full-time next year, please visit the online opt-in portal at <https://optin.kprdsb.ca> **by Friday, April 30.**

Opt-in Portal Closes April 30

The online portal for families to opt-in to full-time virtual learning for 2021-22 will close at midnight on Friday, April 30. The portal is at <https://optin.kprdsb.ca>

We continue to believe that in-person learning is best for students, but we also know some families have indicated they wish to continue virtual learning next year, given the pandemic. To help the school board ensure resources and staff are in place for September for both modes of learning, students and families interested in virtual learning are asked to indicate their initial commitment now.

You will be able to review your decision and confirm your commitment to online learning again in late August/early September, before school begins.

While final details are still being confirmed, we expect online learning will follow the same basic structure as this year, including both synchronous (live, online connection with the teacher) and asynchronous learning.

The following points may also help you in considering your choice:

- **Elementary** students will be able to enter or exit full-time virtual learning at the following designated times in the school year: beginning of September, Fall Progress Report (around mid-November), Term 1 Final Report (around early February), and spring 2022.
- **Secondary** students will be able to enter or exit full-time virtual learning at the start of each semester (September 2021 and February 2022). The [virtual learning opt-in portal](#) includes a list of anticipated online courses. Courses that have an in-person component cannot be offered virtually.

Both elementary and secondary families wishing to opt-in to virtual learning for 2021-22 should visit <https://optin.kprdsb.ca> before midnight on Friday, April 30.