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CPCO Statement on School Closures

TORONTO: The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) supports the Government of Ontario's closure of schools and move to in-person learning following the Spring Break.

"As educators, we recognize that when students are in a classroom setting, they are getting the greatest benefit from their learning experience, which is why Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals have gone to extraordinary lengths and have worked tirelessly to ensure that all recommended protocols and measures are in place. However, as the third wave continues to place immense pressure on our health system and with the added proliferation of variants of concern, it has become abundantly clear that further measures are needed to curb community transmission," said Blaine MacDougall, CPCO President. "The decision to move to remote learning, following the break, is a decision we fully support. Moving to virtual learning will allow further time for Principals, Vice-Principals and all education workers to get much-needed vaccines and, ultimately, protect the health and safety of our students, staff and their families."

CPCO will continue working with our partners to advance constructive solutions that support administrators in their efforts to create a safe learning and working environment for their staff, students and families.

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CPCO represents 2,100 Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals, who lead over 1,300 schools in 29 Catholic district school boards in Ontario.

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