

November 10, 2020

To the Families of Downtown Jewish Community School,

The Board of the DJCS has been monitoring the situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic closely, with the health and safety of our students, teachers, and families as a foremost priority.

Our Hybrid Model, developed by Principal Belinda Keshen, in consultation with members of the Jewish education community, health professionals and the DJCS Board, was created to ensure that our students receive a comprehensive, fulfilling Jewish education while adhering to public health protocols and guidelines. Our goal was to give our DJCS families a thorough expectation of how the 2020/2021 school year would proceed while maintaining flexibility and adaptability should our situation change.

As the case numbers in our region have increased, the DJCS Board has decided, in the interests of all our stakeholders, to maintain the currently operating virtual learning model for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year. We are optimistic for the future and have a goal of bringing all our families back to our home at the corner of Bloor and Spadina in September 2021.

We can confidently make this decision only because of the immense efforts put forth by our Principal, Belinda and her team, our committed and indispensable DJCS teachers. Due to their tireless contributions, the level of education we have been able to provide has been exceptional. We appreciate the enthusiasm and patience of our DJCS families during this challenging time.

Board of Directors

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