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Government of Ontario Lockdown Impacts for Grand Erie Students, Staff and Families

Brantford Ont. – Today, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced province-wide lockdown restrictions beginning December 26. These restrictions will impact Grand Erie students, staff and families following the holiday break, which ends January 3.

During the week of January 4-8, all Grand Erie elementary and secondary students will move to remote learning. During this time, Grand Erie educators will provide synchronous and asynchronous learning to students throughout the school day.

For students and families moving to remote learning for the first time this school year, information regarding the safe pick-up of devices and/or learning materials will come from their school Principal in the new year. The province also announced that lockdown restrictions will close before and after-school programming from January 4-8.

Beginning January 11, Grand Erie elementary students will return to in-class instruction. Students and families who previously selected online learning will continue in the Virtual Learning Academy.

Beginning January 25, Grand Erie secondary students will return to in-class instruction. Students and families who previously selected online learning will continue in the Virtual Learning Academy.

Grand Erie elementary and secondary staff will have access to their schools throughout the lockdown in order to ensure they have the resources needed to deliver effective instruction and learning for students.

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit <u>www.granderie.ca</u> or follow the Board on Twitter (<u>@GEDSB</u>). Families can also contact Grand Erie via email (<u>info@granderie.ca</u>) or phone (519-756-6301 or Toll Free: 1-888-548-8878).

Grand Erie District School Board represents nearly 18,000 students in 58 elementary schools and more than 7,500 students in 14 secondary schools within the city of Brantford and the counties of Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk as well as secondary students from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

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