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LEARN AT HOME PORTAL LAUNCHED FOR ONTARIO STUDENTS

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Today, the Premier and the Minister of Education launched the first phase of the Learn at Home Portal so students can continue their education while schools are closed due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

I know that parents are concerned about their children falling behind while the schools are closed, so the government is offering materials for students. This does not replace school, but it offers an alternative as we approach the end of March Break. Material is available for students from kindergarten to Grade 12.

Here are the links for resources in English and French:

<u>Learn at Home</u> (https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home)

Apprendre à la maison (https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/apprendre-la-maison)

Learn at Home offers all students high-quality, made-in-Ontario math and literacy resources, created by Ontario-certified educators, in both English and French. Elementary resources are designed to help young students learn at home with interactive activities that encourage participation through entertaining and stimulating digital content. High school content was designed with a focus on STEM courses and ensure core competencies and skills are reinforced.

The government is also providing access to course content for students who take the initiative to refresh and extend their learning.

Further information and resources from the Ministry of Education are listed at the end of this email.

Please feel free to get in touch with me at any time with your questions or concerns. You can call my office at 905-825-2455 or email to effie.triantafilopoulos@pc.ola.org.

Sincerely,

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Further Information and Resources

- For students who do not have access to a computer, work is underway, in conjunction with school boards, to provide the necessary technology to everyone who needs it.
- <u>TVO Kids</u> offers educational programming throughout the day for school-aged children. Check out their broadcast schedule <u>here</u> to know what is on and when.
- Bilingual materials on <u>Learn at Home</u> will continue to be added on a regular basis to provide new and compelling content throughout this period. Other learning programs, such as Ontario's Virtual Learning Environment, are being further developed to provide enhanced learning options.
- Mathify provides real-time homework help led by OCT educators for students between grades 6-10, six days a week, including weekdays from 9AM ET – 9PM ET.
 The Government worked in concert with TVO to expand Mathify beyond the existing grades 7-10, to now include grade six.
- <u>Eurêka!</u> is another online learning support program that helps students in French language schools from grades 1 to 12 with their school work and their learning.
- Ontario public schools will be closed from March 14 through to April 5, 2020 in an
 effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. Similarly, private schools and licensed
 child care centres will also be closed until April 5, 2020.
- EQAO assessments for the 2019-20 school year have been cancelled, including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy test. The literacy requirement for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year has also been waived.
- The Ministry of Education is working with TVO and TFO to roll-out robust education
 programming on their broadcast channels, with a phased-in approach commencing
 next week. This iterative process will ensure that Ontario students and families have
 additional mediums available for engaging with high-quality, made-in-Ontario
 education resources that support a continuity of learning for students.