

- Expectations for all students and staff to self-assess any symptoms each day
- Hand sanitizing stations at all entrances
- Limited exposure to student and staff outside the classroom
- Instructions on what to do if a child becomes ill
- Information on what will happen if another student or staff member becomes ill
- Enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices on school buses

The board will further flesh out their back to school plan on August 4 at a special meeting of the school board with the new director of education Wes Hahn.

Kawartha Lakes Bus Lines are withholding comment about bus protocols until the board plan is presented and they have a better handle on the number of students that their 130 buses will be transporting in September.

“All bets are off now as to whether we can

keep the schools clean enough with the staff we have,” says a veteran CUPE custodian contacted for background. The Advocate granted the contact anonymity.

“We did not expect all the kids to be back. The only thing that might save us is a significant number of students choosing to stay home semester one.”

“I think there will be a number of parents who will be cautious in the fall and see if there are school-based outbreaks in the late fall-early winter,” the custodian guessed.

Response from the three teacher’s federations representing over 140,000 educational workers has been swift and angry focusing particularly on the government choosing to ignore the recommendation by Sick Kids Hospital that students return at class sizes of no more than 15 to limit exposure and make tracing easier if there is an outbreak.

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