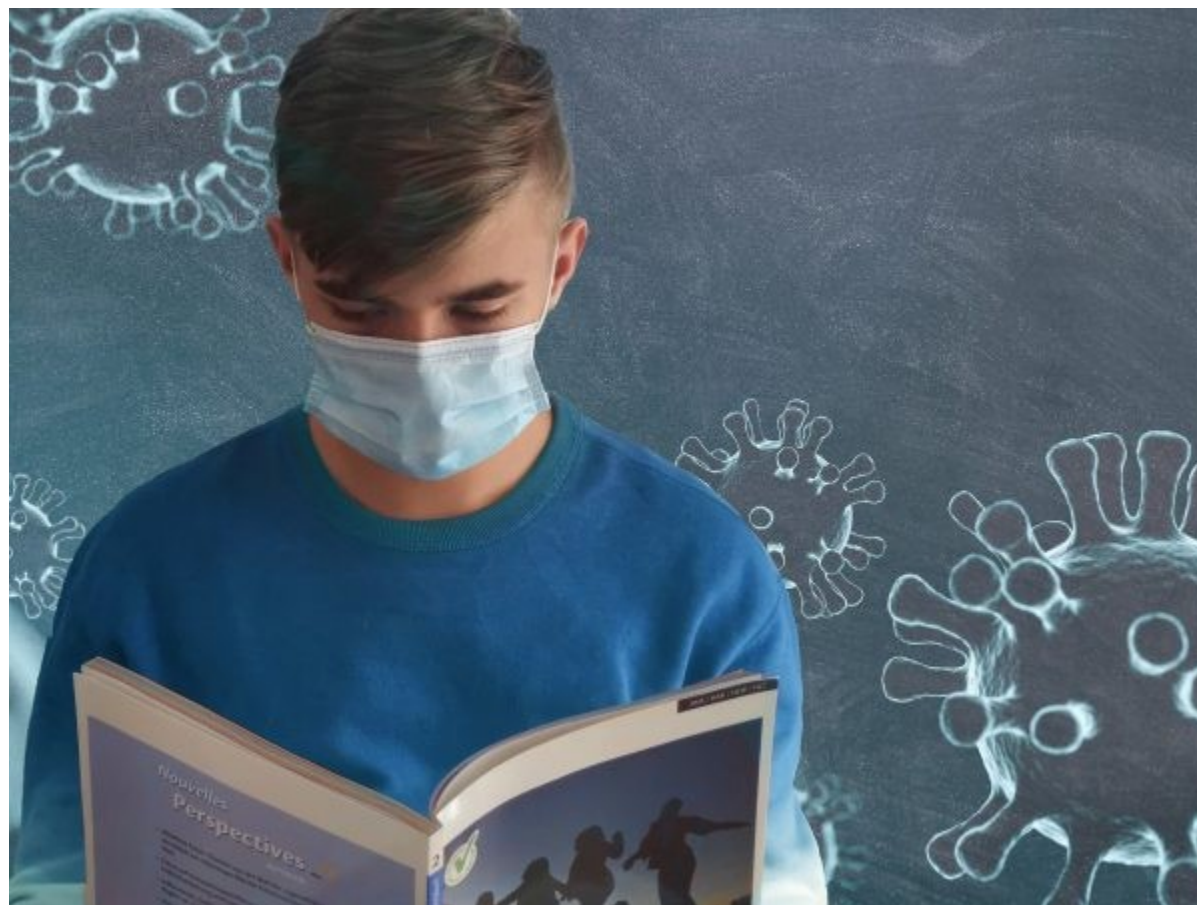


Return to school plan outlined by TLDSB - Lindsay Advocate

By Kirk Winter



Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustees were brought up to speed by senior staff on the steps being taken to hopefully allow for a safe return to school on Jan. 17.

Trustees also learned at their regular committee of the whole meeting that decisions about future classroom and school closings have been downloaded by public health and the province to each individual school board, and that the board is putting contingency plans in place to allow for those closures if necessary due to COVID.

Director of Education Wes Hahn acknowledged there has been “increased anxiety for staff, students and family.”

Hahn told trustees that senior staff and administrators hope for the best possible transition from virtual learning to in-person learning. Hahn said since Jan. 3, decisions have been and will be dictated by the reality of increasing cases of Omicron and increasing cases of hospitalization across the province.

“We want kids back in school,” Hahn said. “Further safety measures have been put in place including the availability of new and better masks and a new screening tool for staff and students.”