

out to public health if we need to. Schools will remain open as long as it is safe.”

Trustees were told that if classes or schools have to move online the board will communicate those decisions with parents as soon as it is made. Goldring cautioned that parents need to have “a contingency plan in place for a return to remote learning because the call could be made first thing in the morning like a snow day.”

Byrne continued his questioning, asking if teachers will receive a new N-95 mask every day. Goldring told him the board was investigating to see if the masks could be cleaned and re-used.

Superintendent Traci Hubbert provided a staffing update to trustees that highlighted that the staff vaccination rate is now hovering around 92 per cent for the board.

“Staff took advantage of the recent clinic at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay with many getting their booster,” Hubbert said.

Hubbert shared concerns to trustees about having adequate supply staff to cover absences of educational assistants and other support staff. She also suggested that the new screening and isolation protocols could have an impact on potential staffing shortages in the future.