



# COVID-19 AND THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR AWASHISHEWIIGIIHIWAYWIIN CLIENTS IN THUNDER BAY

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## SOME FACTS:

Even if choosing to homeschool your children they must be registered with a School Board.

You can be investigated if there is reason to believe that appropriate education is not being provided in the home.

The following is a list of some of the reasons that may give a board cause to investigate a particular instance of home schooling:

- refusal of a parent to notify the board in writing of the intent to provide home schooling
- a credible report of concern by a third party with respect to the instruction being provided in the home
- evidence that the child was removed from attendance at school because of ongoing conflicts with the school, not for the purpose of home schooling
- a history of absenteeism by the child prior to the parent's notifying the Board of the intent to provide home schooling

Ontario's education law requires students to attend school from age 4 until they graduate or reach age 18. Parents, students and employers of school-aged children are held liable under the law for truancy.

Should ongoing attendance issues or failure to provide adequate education to a child be an issue, many times child welfare may be contacted as this is seen as a concern.

Failure to educate your children can result in an open child welfare investigation.

If home schooling isn't working for your family, the local School Boards have dates your children can return to regular in-class learning.

### **Contact your local School Board:**

Lakehead Public School Board - Phone: (807) 625-5100

Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board - Phone: (807) 625-1555

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