



A Message from Principal Wisdom Tettey

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As we head into a new school year, I want to get in touch to see how you are managing. I hope you and your loved ones are all doing well.

I also thank you most sincerely for everything you have done to support our campus and community, and to prepare us for a new academic year, despite the tremendous challenges over the course of the last 18 months. I am very proud to be part of a campus that has, in various ways, led with heart, compassion, understanding, and mutual care to sustain the integrity and the quality of our core mission.

As we sense the combination of anxiety and excitement that is in the air about a new school year, and get ready for a gradual return to a semblance of familiar campus life, I would like to share some updates with you.

As always, the safety of our community is paramount, so we have introduced measures to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone who comes to campus. To name a few of these efforts, we have introduced a vaccine requirement, improved ventilation, limited the number and size of classes held in person, and set a number of safety protocols for those who are returning to campus. Please take some time to visit our [UTogether](#) page to become familiar with all the latest information, including steps that the University has taken to prepare for a safe return to campus.

Please rest assured that we are following developments very closely and working to meet or exceed safety guidelines for those of you returning to campus next week.

The upcoming term may be challenging as the future remains uncertain in the face of increasing COVID-19 cases and a powerful new variant. I am, nevertheless, confident that your hard work and unwavering commitment to our values will see us through. Together, we

will continue to pursue our vision of making U of T Scarborough an inclusive and caring place where all of us – students, faculty, staff, and partners – can enjoy a safe and rewarding year.

Please take a moment to review some of the resources available to staff, faculty (<https://hrandequity.utoronto.ca/covid-19/#resources>) and students (<https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/home/students-utogether>). If you need help, or know of a colleague, or a student who does, please remember that these services are here for you and them.

Once again, thank you for all that you do to support one another and our mission. I wish you a very successful semester. If you have any questions, please drop me a line at principal.utsc@utoronto.ca.