Understanding Distance Learning Platforms

* Parents/Guardians may access with student login

Application	Set Up	Communication	Content	Key Function
G-Suite for Education is a suite of Google tools and features including Google Classroom, Docs, Sheets, Forms, Slides and more that allows you to create content for Distance Learning. OR ***Google Classroom**	Site: google.tcdsb.ca; Works best in Google Chrome Browser use TCDSB Login and Password; Create a Classroom and Invite Students; Teacher creates/adds content; Teachers may collaborate with colleagues;	Create Announcements using Stream function;	Upload existing teacher created files from Google Drive eg. PDF, Word, etc.; Share Google files;	Create and Submit Assignments; Originality Check (limited); Online Discussions; Teachers may share classrooms with other teachers;
*Brightspace by D2L (Virtual Learning Environment)	Site: tcdsb.elearningontario.ca; TCDSB Login and Password; Course shells with students already available: Elementary: Associated with subject areas; Secondary: Associated with course code and section on teacher's timetable Teacher creates/adds content and or imports Ministry of Education content;	Create Announcements using the Announcements tool; Email and Instant Chat hosted within each course; Create a course calendar;	Upload your existing teacher created files from Google Drive and/or Computer; Use and/or modify Ministry of Education content; Create custom content;	Assignment Drop Box; Annotated Feedback in Assignment Folder; Originality Check- Turnitin; Online Discussions; Review Student Progress/Profiles; Portfolio Creation; Differentiation of content; Collaboration; Creation of groups;