

August 13, 2020

Update: Return to School Plan – Letter to Secondary Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a follow up to the email you received on July 30th, I am writing to provide an update regarding the return to school.

At the August 12th Special Board Meeting of the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB), Trustees received and reviewed the **proposed HCDSB Return to School Plan**.

At this meeting, **Trustees passed a motion to modify the secondary school plan**. [A recording of the meeting is available here.](#)

The delivery model initially proposed recommended:

- Each cohort of up to 15 secondary students would take **1 course at a time**
- Courses would be delivered in a combination of in-class instruction 2-3 days per week, and remote learning
- Students would earn **1 credit every 23 days** (approximately 5 weeks)

Based on the information presented last night, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to direct staff to change the adapted delivery model to a 'quadmester approach':

- Students would take 2 courses at a time, and be part of 2 cohorts of up to 15 students per course
- Courses would be delivered in a combination of in-class instruction 2-3 days per week, and remote learning
- Students will earn **2 credits in approximately 10 weeks**

Next Steps

Staff are currently working to reconfigure the return to school plan into a quadmester model for secondary schools. A revised delivery model for secondary instruction will be finalized and shared as soon as possible, and no later than next week.

At that time, we will also share the 'Intent to Return to School Survey for Parents'. We want to be sure that you have all the information you need to make an informed decision about whether your child(ren) will return to in-school instruction in September, or participate in remote learning.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support. We will follow up next week with the final plan and a link to the survey.

The health and well-being of our students, families and staff remains our highest priority, and we will continue to work closely with our Public Health professionals as we prepare for a safe and healthy return to school.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Daly".

Pat Daly
Director of Education