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We have received a number of inquiries seeking clarification with regard to Online Learning.

Should a significant number of parents opt for online learning only, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will establish a virtual school and assign students to virtual, grade appropriate (elementary) or subject specific (secondary) classrooms. A principal will be assigned to the virtual school, performing the same duties and responsibilities as would be required in a conventional school. Teachers will be assigned to teach in the online learning environment.

Unlike the experience during the closure period, the day will more closely mirror the conventional school day and all students will be engaged in live teaching and learning, taking all subjects in the curriculum in elementary, and credits in secondary. Please note, teachers assigned to these classrooms may not be the teachers from your child(ren)'s home school, nor is the assigned principal.

Significant work is involved in establishing the organizational structure for conventional and on-line learning for September start-up, hence the importance of parents indicating their intent by August 14. However, after August 14, parents of elementary students will still be able to switch their children between learning modes by contacting their school principal up to **September 8**. The next opportunity to transition from learning modes would begin **November 1** at which time, reorganization of all elementary schools may have to occur to accommodate the changes.

Secondary students who wish to return to face-to-face learning will need to remain in the online learning mode and wait for a natural transition break during the year (i.e., end of Quadmester).

Rest assured, staff will do everything possible to accommodate requests and to ensure education continues for your child(ren) regardless of the delivery mode.

Additional information regarding the DPCDSB's Return to School plans, is located on the [DPCDSB website](#) including information on the [Elementary](#) and [Secondary](#) delivery models.

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