

****Note that this bulletin has been revised from the original August 11 version sent earlier today. See additional information in bold text below.***

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As we process the results, to date, of the Parent/Guardian Return to School survey, it has become evident that a significant number of secondary parents/guardians have indicated a preference for online learning for their children.

As a result, secondary online learning will mirror the “quadmester” model with students receiving instruction in two courses. It will not be just one course for 4.5 weeks as previously communicated, but two courses for 10 weeks. We will endeavor to do our best to mirror the student’s current timetable, however, given staffing limitations and specialized qualifications that are required in order to teach courses, students may not necessarily be taking their previously timetabled Period 1 and Period 2 classes in the first quadmester.

This also means that, for in-school learning, we will have to reorganize classes to reflect the Ministry-mandated class size ratios. Note that these ratios are a board-wide average used to staff both online classes and face-to-face classes, and some classes (face-to-face and online only) may, in reality, have as many as 30 students in them.

****Please be advised that we are opening secondary schools in Adapted Mode, which means the class will be divided in half to ensure that no more than 15 students attend face-to-face on an alternate day schedule.***

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to ensure the best possible learning environments for students in all learning models.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
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