



*Office of the Director of Education*

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Dear Families of Secondary Students:

This is an important update for secondary school families about the learning model for students who are switching from in-person learning to virtual learning for Quadmester 2 starting on **November 19**.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is currently serving approximately 6,000 secondary students at the St. Anne's virtual school and based on responses from families, an additional 1,500 secondary students move to virtual learning for Quad 2.

To protect course offerings and student access to pathways necessary for graduation, we are introducing a pilot that will allow these 1500 secondary students who are **currently in-person and requested to switch to virtual**, to remain connected to their home school with a virtual option.

Those selecting virtual will participate in virtual lessons with the teacher from their same school and with students from the same school. They will still be in cohort A or cohort B but doing all of their lessons virtually instead of attending face to face.

In order to balance the competing needs of both in-person and virtual school learning, adjustments to secondary learning models are necessary. The Board will make every effort to minimize disruption, and to ensure an equitable distribution of supports and staff for all students, whether they are attending in-person or virtually. We remain committed to maintaining lower class sizes where possible in COVID hot spots around the City of Toronto.

The total number of students in each cohort will still not exceed 15 students.

***This change only impacts students currently in-person who requested to switch to virtual for Quad 2. For all other learning model selections for Quad 2 please refer to the below:***

- *Students currently in virtual and requested in-person will return to their home school.*
- *Students currently enrolled in St. Anne's virtual school and opted to stay will remain in the St. Anne virtual school.*
- *Students currently in-person and opted to stay will remain in their home school.*

We remain committed to providing your child(ren) with the best possible education and look forward to a successful term of learning together.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan Browne".

Brendan Browne  
Director of Education