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Grand Erie Ready to Welcome Back Students Beginning Tomorrow

Brantford, Ont. – While it’s a back-to-school like no other, Grand Erie District School Board’s focus this fall remains a safe and successful return for students – whether that’s in-person or online. Grand Erie elementary and secondary students will return to the classroom gradually, with a staggered entry beginning tomorrow.

“Things will certainly look different this year,” said JoAnna Roberto, Director of Education. “Our staggered start brings with it an opportunity for students, families and staff to ease into new routines and to get to know each other again after being apart for nearly six months.”

The start of the 2020-21 school year also marks a special occasion for Roberto: it’s her first in Grand Erie since assuming the role of Director in August. To mark the milestone, and to help facilitate an introduction to students, families and staff during COVID-19, the board released a video on Wednesday featuring Roberto. Completed last month, it offers insights into the new director’s career in public education as well as her hopes for Grand Erie moving forward. The video includes footage of students and staff captured prior to the pandemic. Find the video [here](#).

Important Information for Back-to-School:

- Find Grand Erie’s staggered entry schedule [here](#).
- Each Grand Erie school website contains key information, including bell times and contact information. To locate a school’s website, visit the [Find a School](#) tab.
- Families looking for transportation information, such as bus routes, pickup locations and schedule times, can find details [here](#). This page also contains contact information for Sharp Bus Lines, which provides transportation services for Grand Erie students from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
- Grand Erie launched its Virtual Academy last week to meet the online learning needs of students. Find more information about the Virtual Academy [here](#).

Grand Erie District School Board represents more than 18,000 students in 58 elementary schools and 7,700 students in 14 secondary schools within the City of Brantford and the Counties of Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk as well as secondary students from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. With a dedicated staff of more than 2,000, Grand Erie remains committed to its goal of [Success for Every Student](#).

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