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Grand Erie Gets Ready for Secondary

Brantford, Ont. – It's been a year unlike any other, but one thing is certain: Grand Erie's secondary schools are ready to welcome future Grade 9 students.

"Things may look a little different this year, but secondary school staff are eager to ensure students and parents are supported throughout this transition process," said Denise Martins, Superintendent of Education for Secondary Programing as well as the Haldimand and Norfolk Secondary Schools. "That starts with having the information they need about the programs and opportunities that await in our secondary schools."

Starting secondary school is an exciting time, and a crucial step on the path to future success. In working with Covid-19 restrictions, school staff will be taking the usual format of in-person information nights into the virtual space, sharing general information about how to ensure a seamless transition, as well as highlighting specialized programs and unique opportunities for students and families to explore.

"Grand Erie schools work to create enabling environments where all students can participate fully in their education," said Lisa Munro, Superintendent of Education for Brantford and Brant County schools. "We recognize that the transition to secondary school is a time of uncertainty and immense opportunity, and look forward to partnering with families and students as they make these important decisions."

The virtual information sessions begin with specialized programs. The full schedule is available <u>here</u>. Information will be sent directly to current Grade 8 students and their families. Each secondary school will also indicate if they are offering a Microsoft Teams Live session, and how families can register. Those new to Grand Erie are asked to contact their future secondary school directly for more information.

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