



December 1, 2020

Dear Grand Erie Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff:

As we begin December in what has been a very unpredictable year, I'd like to acknowledge the incredible learning and achievement that is happening each day in our classrooms and online.

Thank you to each and every one of you – educators, administrators, school and support staff, and families – for your resilience, care, and ongoing support of our students, despite the challenges and change this year has brought. We continue to work with our local public health units as we navigate the pandemic, and your adherence to the new routines has added stability and supported the well-being of our students and school communities.

As we look ahead to the new year, we have been working to finalize transition deadlines for students planning to switch their current mode of learning.

The next and final opportunity for parents/guardians and students to make the switch to either in-class or online learning amid the pandemic will be February 2021, a decision made to best support the continuity of learning for students and staff.

Families wishing to make the change from in-class to online, or vice versa, can expect communication from their child's school, with a link shared in order to provide a final declaration.

- The deadline for secondary students for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year is January 6. Classes in the new mode of learning will begin on February 2, for Quadmester 3. Quadmester 4 will begin on April 21.
- The deadline for elementary students is January 13, with February 16 as the start date in the new mode of learning.

Only students and families requesting a change in delivery model need to complete the survey.

SECONDARY TIMELINES

- December 18 – Messaging and declaration link shared with families via home school/virtual school
- January 6 – Last date for declaration completion. Link closes at 4 p.m.
- February 2 – First day of Quadmester 3 for student who requested a change in learning model



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ELEMENTARY TIMELINES

- January 4 – Messaging and declaration link shared with families via home school/virtual school
- January 13 – Last date for declaration completion. Link closes at 4 p.m.
- February 15 – Family Day
- February 16 – First day for students who requested a change in learning model

Understandably, should extenuating circumstances arise after the deadline passes, parents are encouraged to contact their child's principal.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to our students' safety, achievement and well-being. We have, and will continue, to get through this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JoAnna Roberto".

JoAnna Roberto
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