



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the past several months, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has been planning for the safe return to in-school learning in the age of COVID. Despite the provincial mandate on July 30 announcing the return to conventional learning for elementary students and a hybrid delivery model for secondary students, the school reopening will be far from conventional as we know it. What we hope to provide is a school year that is as close to normal as possible while ensuring the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Schools in the HWCDSB are taking all steps possible to create a safe learning environment for students and staff based on the Ministry of Education guidance and advice from Public Health professionals.

This *Parent Guide for the Safe Reopening of Our HWCDSB Schools* has been prepared to provide parents and guardians with an understanding of what the new conventional and remote learning will look like and to outline the various safeguards, structures and protocols that have been put in place to keep our students and staff safe.

This guide is intended to provide answers to your questions and assurances that every effort is being made for a safe return to school.

We remain committed to working with you, listening to you and communicating with you as we prepare for the start of the new school year and all the experiences and opportunities that come with it.

We want to recognize the commitment and efforts of trustees, employee group representatives, system and school leaders and staff who have worked so hard with regard to our school reopening plan.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school in September and pray that our Lord Jesus Christ showers you, your families and our dedicated staff with all of his blessings.

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Patrick J. Daly
Chairperson of the Board

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David Hansen
Director of Education