



Applewood Heights

Secondary School

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Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Dear Applewood Heights Secondary School Families,

As you are likely aware, recent changes to public education in Ontario have increased secondary class sizes for the coming school year. As a result, secondary schools across the Peel District School Board need to create their timetables for 2019-20 with these changes. This means that some of the courses your teen chose during the course selection process earlier this school year may not be offered next year and they will be required to select other options.

At this time, our focus is on offering courses for students that they require to graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or Ontario Secondary School Certificate. Like many schools, we may no longer be in a position to offer students credits beyond those that are required.

As a result of our reduced staffing allocation, we had to cancel 36 classes. Starting today, students are being called down to meet with their alpha Guidance Counselor to review their course selections and make any changes where necessary. We have identified the order in which students selected courses and will endeavour to place students into their new course(s) in this order. Furthermore, we are also using the 2nd and 3rd options that students selected when using MyBlueprint for course selection and we will also use this information to help students select new courses.

We understand that this may cause uncertainty for some students and families. Guidance counsellors will do their best to support students, but may not be able to meet as promptly with students one-on-one or there may be delays in responding to voicemail/email.

If the Ministry of Education provides additional funding for secondary program, we will revisit the number of sections of courses available to students. Thank you for your understanding as we work to find ways to offer a variety of pathway courses to support the success and well-being of all students. As always, please contact a school administrator if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg Pearson'.

Greg Pearson
Principal