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Dear Turner Fenton Secondary school Families:

As we get ready to start school this year, we wanted to remind you of some important information for your teen who is attending Turner Fenton secondary School in the Adaptive Learning Model for the 2020-21 school year. This learning model is a blend of in-person and at-home learning.

To help develop new and safe school routines for the school year, all Peel District School Board secondary students will gradually start the school year by attending school in person for one morning during the week of Sept. 8 - 11, 2020. This morning will include important information about health and safety routines, information around Mental Health supports, and school processes and procedures.

Each student has been assigned **ONE** orientation morning based on their cohort group and grade. On Tuesday September 1st, your teen will receive an email with an initial information sent electronically through their Gmail account that will indicate when they are scheduled to attend during the week of Sept. 8 - 11.

Based on the cohort and the grade your teen is in, the first week of school will look as follows:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 8** – Grade 9 Students in Cohort A and **ALL** Vocational One students will attend school. (Vocational One students will attend the entire day).
- **Wednesday, Sept. 9** – Grade 9 Students in Cohort B will attend school
- **Thursday, Sept. 10** – Grades 10 to 12 in Cohort A will attend school.
- **Friday, Sept. 11** – Grades 10 to 12 in Cohort B will attend school.

There will be only one period listed on the timetable. Please look at **Period 1** to determine which cohort letter has been assigned to your teen. It will either be Cohort A or Cohort B. It is likely your teen will remain in this cohort for the duration of both quadesters, to reduce the number of interactions with other students. Once finalized, your teen will not be able to switch between cohort groups. This initial communication will also show the date for your student to attend during the week of September 8th.

Your teen's quadmester 1 and 2 schedule

Towards the end of the day on Friday, Sept. 11, or over the weekend, a new timetable will be sent via your teen's Gmail account. This timetable will include their courses for quadmester 1 and 2. Students will attend school in person based on their cohort letter. Students should double check their cohort letter and follow the attached

calendar to determine which days they will be attending school in person. I have attached a calendar that should assist you as a family to follow which cohort attends on which day.

If your teen is in Cohort A, they will attend class in person for period 1 on Monday, Sept. 14. If they are in Cohort B, they will attend class in person for period 1 on Wednesday, Sept. 16. When students are not at school in person, they will engage in learning from home through live and independent learning opportunities. More information about this online portion of the school day will be provided with their new timetables. Please also refer to the attached calendar for the first two quadmesters which outlines which days each cohort attends school.

New school routines

On your teen's first day to school, please ensure they **do not** arrive earlier than 15 minutes before the start of the day so that students are not congregating in common areas. All students are required to wear a mask or face covering. Once they enter the building, they must sanitize their hands and proceed directly to their classroom. Staff will be available to direct students accordingly. The following Turner Fenton video has been created so that you can better understand our school protocols that must be followed:

<https://youtu.be/D1e2cihtivQ>

You are also reminded that parents/caregivers are not able to come into the school building. If you need to speak to an administrator or teacher, please call or email the school. Virtual meetings can be arranged, if necessary.

IB Program Information

The Peel District School Board, in consultation with all four secondary IB schools and information provided by IBO, has created a supportive plan for both MYP and DP students for this upcoming school year. MYP/Pre-IB will continue to be able to provide programming as it has occurred in the past. The IB program will only provide the Adaptive Learning Model, with a blend of in-person and at-home learning. IB-DP as made a number of adjustments due to the Covid situation which recognizes the challenges this school year may present. For example, adjustments include one or more components being removed or amended. Details of all changes will be provided to students during the week of September 14th. The IB Program will continue to charge all associated fees related to the program including staff training, program evaluation, providing associated resources such as Kognity online textbooks to support IB courses and management of formal exams for DP students. As such the fee structures will remain the same as in past years.

Lastly, I want to let you know that we will not be collecting student fees this fall for extra-curriculars. If we move back to full day face-to-face learning, I will re-evaluate this decision. I anticipate that as we begin this school year with students wanting to participate in clubs and activities. As a school we will evaluate each club/activity request and determine if it can be done in a safe manner, while maintaining cohorts. More to come on this.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we get our schools up and running and ensure your teens safety.

Yours truly,



John Staba

Principal