

March 9, 2022

Dear Families:

**Planning for the 2022-2023 school year (in-person or virtual school)**

Every year at this time, HPEDSB begins to plan for the upcoming school year. Part of this planning involves determining the number of students expected in our schools, which establishes the number of teaching and support staff required. To assist in this planning, we are asking families to let us know now if their child will attend virtual school for the new school year starting in September 2022. This will assist us in making accurate decisions to staff our schools, and to be as prepared as possible for safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environments in the fall.

In-person learning is the best way to meet students' academic, social-emotional, physical and well-being needs. Programming at in-person schools provides access to a greater variety of courses to support graduation pathways.

Although we expect that most students will return to in-person learning in September 2022, the Ministry of Education has made it clear that families will have a choice. That means HPEDSB will offer a virtual school for the 2022-2023 school year.

We are planning for a JK-10 virtual school to operate for the 2022-2023 school year. For students in Grades 11 and 12, virtual school programming may be offered if there is sufficient enrolment. The courses would be limited, with priority on core courses, such as English and Math. A decision about virtual school for students in Grades 11 and 12 will be made in early April and we will communicate directly with families who express interest.

**If you choose for your child to attend the virtual school in the fall**, please contact your child's home/in-person school principal by Friday, March 25, 2022, to formally register for virtual school for the 2022-2023 school year. If you do not contact the principal by that date, your child will be registered for in-person school. Please be aware that students currently enrolled in the virtual school will be automatically returned to their home schools at the end of June 2022.

Thank you for your understanding and support of Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board. If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,



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Director of Education