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Catholic board gives parents final chance to switch student learning mode

Parents wishing to move their children from in-school to online learning, or vice-versa, must complete a transition form by noon on Jan. 12

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Catholic school parents have one last opportunity to switch their children from in-school learning to online lessons.

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board has set Jan. 12 as the deadline for students to transition into, or out of, virtual school.

“We have decided that the upcoming transition date on Feb. 2, 2021 will be the final transition date for the school year,” states director of education Michael Nasello.

“We have made the difficult decision to cancel the final transition period scheduled for April 22, 2021, meaning that the learning model your child is enrolled in as of Feb. 2, 2021 will be the learning model they stay in until the end of the school year.”

Nasello explained that each transition period puts an enormous strain on schools and the board.

“It is the equivalent of starting a new school year mid-stream. It means classrooms need to be reshuffled, teachers need to be reassigned and it causes a great deal of disruption for students, educators, school administrators and families during an already turbulent time in education,” continued Nasello.

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In order to limit this disruption throughout the remainder of this school year, the board will be proceeding with one final transition period.

Parents will receive information and a link to the transition form for the Feb. 2 switch over. The form will also be available on the board’s website (www.pvnccdsb.on.ca). Forms must be submitted by noon on Jan. 12.

Following the deadline, board staff will work to reorganize classrooms and teacher assignments. School staff will communicate with families in the days leading up to Feb. 2. Some reorganization of classes will likely be required to ensure that class sizes reflect Ministry of Education-funded averages.

Parents who do not wish to move their child(ren) from in-person learning to virtual school or from virtual school to in-person learning, do not have to do anything. Their child(ren) will remain in their current learning mode.

“As outgoing director of education, I want to take this opportunity to thank our

school communities, our students and our families for your patience and collaboration as we have navigated the first four months of this school year together,” concluded Nasello.

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