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## #LEARNFROMHOME

### AT-HOME EDUCATION: IS IT WORKING?

HALTON CATHOLIC  
STUDENTS ARE HAVING  
A VARIETY OF  
EXPERIENCES AS THEY  
#LEARNFROMHOME

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Ontario education is in the  
midst of a great experiment.

In March 2020 schools were  
closed as a result of the COVID-19  
pandemic and the primary  
source of education for students  
since then has been through distance  
learning.

The massive rollout of e-learning  
required schools to scramble  
to accommodate the new reality  
of teaching outside of a brick-  
and-mortar institution.

How exactly this version of  
schooling looks varies from  
teacher to teacher and school to

school but generally, instruction  
is given through an online portal  
and students are expected to do  
everything, from readings to  
completing assignments and  
checking out virtual tours.

Pat Daly, director of education  
with the Halton Catholic District  
School Board, said the goal is to  
ensure the successful comple-  
tion of the school year and for  
teachers to be able to customize  
how they conduct distance learn-  
ing.

"The mechanism of delivery  
from teacher to teacher in this  
format is probably not too differ-  
ent than it would be in a regular  
face-to-face format," said Daly.  
"While we do try to stress consis-  
tency, it does vary classroom to  
classroom. Our hope here would  
be teachers are doing their best  
to provide continuity of learn-  
ing."

Teachers are encouraged to  
create an online presence to fos-

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COVID-19 pandemic.

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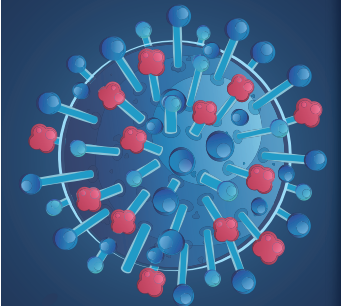
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