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For elementary school students returning to school for conventional learning, the week will consist of five days with 300 minutes of instruction per day and "regular class size," with the students cohorted as a group (including recess and lunch).

Families who opt to keep their children home for remote learning will have opportunities to re-join conventional, in-class learning at three points during the school year — Thanksgiving, after Christmas and after March Break.

The process to request a return to in-school instruction will be provided in September.

For elementary students not returning to school for conventional learning, the remote delivery model will involve students possibly being assigned to virtual classrooms for distance learn-



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The Halton Catholic District School Board has released its plans for returning to classes.

ing and students receiving 300 minutes of learning daily with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous opportunities.

"Teachers will support students in large and small group instruction throughout the day," the plan states.

Physical distancing strategies that will be incorporated in school include:

- Increased physical distance of chairs and tables/

desks in all rooms (including cafeteria, library, staff areas)

- Classes will be held outside as much as possible, when weather permits.

- Student desks will be arranged with as much distancing as possible and facing in the same direction.

- Staggered periods of student movement around school and students will be discouraged from congregating in hallways.

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My family matter is in court. The house has been sold and monies held. Can I get some of those monies paid out to me now even though the case is not finally resolved?

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This is considered an interim distribution of family property. It is not surprising that separated spouses need money, and a good source of money is the net sale proceeds from the sale of the home. The net sale proceeds are routinely held pending an agreement of the spouses or court order. It is considered extraordinary relief to have any paid out in advance. For that to happen, you will want to be able to show at least several things: 1) you are suffering an economic disadvantage, 2) why you need the money, 3) paying money out to you now will help "level the playing field" in the proceeding, and/or 4) doing so will not jeopardize the other spouse's position at trial. Net sale proceeds from the closing of the sale of the family home is usually the best source of security to pay any money owing as a result of the breakdown in the marriage, including equalization of net family property, retroactive support and post-date of separation adjustments. So a spouse's security for those items should not be undermined. We do a lot of family/divorce law across our three offices, including 8 Guelph Street, Georgetown, in the Lounsbury Life & Group Insurance Benefits building. I am happy to have a Zoom meeting with you for a free consultation. Stay well and safe, and have a great weekend.

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