

# ■ NEWS 4 HIGHLIGHTS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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Here's a quick look at some of the major points from the latest Halton District School Board meeting.

### ADDRESSING THE UNCERTAINTY

Halton District School Board (HDSB) trustees and senior staff addressed a "roller-coaster ride" of uncertainty that school boards, families and students are experiencing when it comes to the province notifying school boards of school closures and "a lurch" to virtual learning.

Educators' voices need to be heard at the provincial COVID-19 command table in order to "truly understand what the implications of their decisions are on a couple million students, their families and the staff that support them," commented HDSB chair Andrea Grebenc.

"A little more certainty would enhance everyone's life," agreed HDSB director of education Stuart Miller.

### SCHOOL RENAMING POLICY APPROVED

The board's appended Naming/Renaming Schools Policy and Proce-

Schools Policy and Procedure was approved by trustees, completing its objective to update the document to include Renaming.

"In so doing, it provided further clarity of the criteria by which schools are named or renamed, but most importantly, provided a mechanism for the public to provide for their request to initiate a school renaming through the director's office, as well as a process that can follow the request," commented trustee Leah Reynolds.

### LEARNING MODEL SWITCH AVAILABLE

Elementary students can switch from in-person learning to virtual learning, or from virtual to in-person, from Jan. 14 to 22, with the model switch set to take effect March 1. The opportunity for secondary students to switch learning models has occurred and takes effect Feb. 8. There will be 874 secondary students going from in person to virtual learning, and 164 moving from virtual to in-person.

### RIGHTS OF THE CHILD WEEK PROCLAIMED

The board declared the week of Jan. 18 to 22 as 'Rights of the Child Week' in the HDSB, to coincide with its virtual Human Rights Symposium being held Jan. 22 for Grades 7 to 12 and staff only.

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