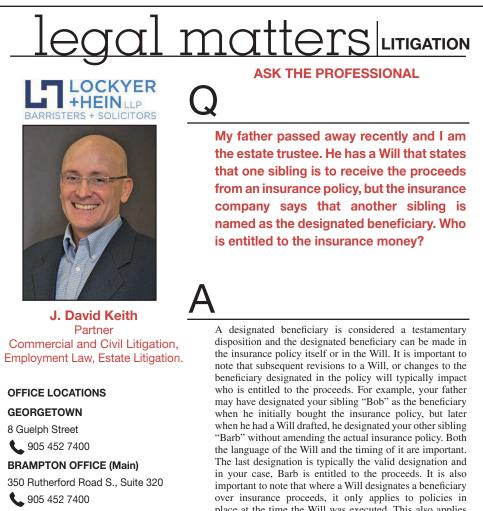
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NEWS TRUSTEES URGE **RETURN TO** TRADITIONAL **SECONDARY SEMESTERS**

With an "exceptional" vaccination rate among 12to 17-year-olds and "extremely low" COVID-19 transmission in secondary schools, trustees of the Halton District School Board (HDSB) are urging the province to allow its students to return to a traditional semester.

Currently, HDSB secondary students are on a modified semester, taking four courses per term: two courses per day for a week and another two courses the following week.

"This model was chosen due to its flexibility to quickly pivot back to a traditional four-course per day model within a maximum of two weeks' notice. The modified semester model is not optimal for student achievement or student and staff well-being," writes board chair Andrea Grebenc in a letter to Minister of Education Stephen Lecce.

The vaccination rate among 12- to 17-year-olds in Halton is 93 per cent for a single dose and 87 per cent for two doses. In Milton. those rates jump to 98 per cent and 91 per cent, respectively, according to Halton public health.

Out of 19,390 secondary students attending in-person classes, there has been COVID transmission to two students out of a total of nine student cases over the past month, said Grebenc.

Since the minister had

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previously indicated that the modified semester would be temporary, yet no such consent is imminent, trustees also requested that the decision to return to the regular model be transferred to local public health departments, in collaboration with school boards.

"They most clearly understand their local contexts with regard to vaccination rates, organizational adherence to IPAC (Infection Prevention and Control) protocols and CO-VID-19 outbreak data," Grebenc writes. "The reality is that teenagers are congregating currently and mixing before and after school, at lunchtime, for co-curriculars, and evening activities; be it jobs or recreational activities."

"There is very little benefit to continuing with modified semester schedules when all of these other factors are at play, and given that the other COVID protocols are "working exceedingly well ... "

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