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## NEWS

# PARENTS CONCERNED ABOUT IMPACT OF CANCELLED EXAMS

GROUP PUSHING FOR RETURN OF TRADITIONAL TESTING AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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The pandemic was a huge disruption for the education system.

To name just a few of the changes: there were total school shutdowns, a widespread rollout of on-line learning, and a complete overhaul of the semester system. The way education was delivered within the region had to be rethought and that meant a lot of traditional staples

"If you go off to university and you fail your first year, that's not success."

- Maria Lourenco

of the system were removed.

Now, a group of parents at the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) — including those in Halton Hills — are shining a light on one COVID-19-caused cancellation that they say must now be reversed for the sake of the students.

Traditional formal exams have not been held at the HCDSB secondary level since March 2020, with the single exception of Grade 12 anatomy and

physiology.

Maria Lourenco, a mother with a child in the Catholic secondary school system and another now in university, believes that's a real problem.

"For kids that are in Grade 12 right now that are going to university in September, they will be going off to university with no exams for two and a half years. Their last exam writing experience will be a Grade 10 test in semester

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