



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
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February 11, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

At a [news conference](#) today, the Provincial Government announced that March Break, originally scheduled for March 15-19, 2021, will be postponed until the week of April 12, 2021.

The decision, based on the advice of Ontario's Chief Medical Health Officer and other health experts, was made in an effort to reduce community transmission of COVID-19 amid new emerging COVID-19 variants of concern. The delay is hoped to limit congregating, which has been identified as a high-risk factor in COVID-19 spread.

While we understand that the decision will be disappointing for so many who are in need of a break, we recognize that this difficult decision was necessary to protect our students, staff and families, and to ensure that our schools remain open for in-person learning. Our schools can only stay open if we continue our efforts to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

Although March Break has been delayed, it has not been cancelled. **March/Spring Break will take place April 12-16, 2021.**

As we approach the Family Day weekend, we pray, in the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, that our families remain places "where love, peace and joy reign."

Stay safe,

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Patrick J. Daly
Chairperson of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hansen'.

David Hansen
Director of Education