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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Earlier in the fall, we shared the decision that no additional students would be admitted into the Virtual Secondary School as this would require a significant reorganization of the system - something that would have a negative impact on our in-person schools and result in many courses having to be collapsed or eliminated. The Virtual Secondary School will continue to operate and support its existing students.

Students who are registered at in-person schools who would like to switch to a virtual model will be accommodated with a virtual option at their current in-person school for the remainder of the school year.

Our ultimate goal is to maintain stability for both in-person schools and the Virtual School, and to continue offering the courses that students need.

As was the case for Quadmesters 2 and 3, the school-based virtual learning model at your school will vary from class to class and will depend on factors such as the number of students wishing to learn virtually and the available courses. In some cases, there will be enough students to offer an entire class virtually. In other cases, the class will be split into virtual and in-person cohorts. Schools have also included the model of teachers delivering courses simultaneously to both in-person and virtual learners.

Switching from In-Person to Virtual Learning

Students currently registered for in-person learning schools who would like to switch to the virtual model must submit a response by March 23, 2021 through the following Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/dzzwgEQ9ZE3HV6Je8>

This change would take effect at the start of Quadmester 4 on April 23, 2021. Schools will prepare and finalize models in the coming days, as we get a better sense of the number of students interested in learning virtually. Specific information will be shared by your school ahead of the start of Quadmester 4. Please note that all requests from students wishing to switch to a virtual option at their in-person school will be accommodated. However, in some cases, changes to desired courses may be required to align with availability and course offerings.

Switching from the Virtual School to In-Person Learning

Students who are currently registered in the Virtual Secondary School and would like to return to in-person learning must contact the guidance counsellor at the in-person school by March 23, 2021, to see if a timetable can be created for the specific courses they have requested for Quadmester 4. If a timetable can be created, a transfer to the in-person school will be facilitated. Please note that **space may be limited, and a transfer may not be possible.**

Thank you to all parents/guardians and students for your patience during this evolving situation. We are doing everything we can to accommodate student requests while ensuring as much stability as possible in all classrooms and schools in this pandemic time.

Thank you.

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