



EASTDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Eastdale Students and Families:

I am pleased to share news of a decision that Eastdale will be one of six DSBNSB secondary schools moving to a new in-person schedule starting November 30th.

The DSBNSB, in consultation with the Ministry of Education, is continuously looking to create the best learning opportunities for our students. Students have been attending school and following the new health and safety protocols. The in-person schedule will change from our current schedule of two cohorts attending different days of the week to one where our Cohorts A and B will be combined, and all students will be attending school daily.

Research supports that the greatest influence on student achievement is the teacher. Without a doubt, in-person teacher led instruction provides the best learning environment as indicated by our recent progress report results. We recognize that some students may struggle with online learning. Upon review of our small in-person class sizes, we will be able to offer daily in-person learning for all students at Eastdale Secondary School to support their success for the remainder of the semester.

As you know, student and staff safety are important to us. Both the Ministry of Education and Niagara Regional Public Health were consulted and have no concerns with this new in-person schedule.

We know from our students that they like learning in-person with their subject teacher better than online. This new model provides more in-person learning time and decreases their online components.

We have worked with Niagara Student Transportation Services to update the bus routes to accommodate the new schedule.

Our dedicated teachers are ready for this transition and ready to support student success and well-being. Here is a link to the new schedule for December and January

[December Calendar](#) [January Calendar](#)

As we move into this model, the health and safety of students will remain our top priority. Please contact me at the school with your questions about this new schedule.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Jellinck

Rosemary Jellinck, Principal