

Dear families,

I hope you are healthy, doing well and enjoying the summer. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to the 2020-21 school year.

As you are aware, this school year will look different to previous years. One of the changes that Bur Oak Secondary School will be implementing this year is regarding our school's timetables.

Bur Oak will follow the [four period, adaptive model](#) that other YRDSB secondary schools are following for 2020-21. For Bur Oak students, this means that:

- students will take four classes over four periods per semester (instead of five periods)
- there will be 75 minutes of travel time built into the school schedule
- students will have the following school schedule

Dates for First Round of Rotations	Rotation One	
In person * 8:15 - 10:45	Period 1 Cohort A	Period 1 Cohort B
10:45-11:00	Students Exit the Building	
11:00-12:15	Travel Time and Lunch	
12:15-1:05	Period 2 Cohorts A&B	Period 2 Cohorts A&B
1:10-2:00	Period 3 Cohorts A&B	Period 3 Cohorts A&B
2:05-2:55	Period 4 Cohorts A&B	Period 4 Cohorts A&B

This four course adaptive model minimizes contact between cohorts of students as they will be attending class with only one cohort each day during a rotation. It focuses on student safety and meets the requirements that students remain in cohorts of approximately 15 and that direct and indirect contact of students is limited to 100. Our model provides additional learning time over the course of the semester, including in-class learning, and allows for a more smooth transition to a conventional learning model if public health determines it is safe to do so. Our adaptive model maximizes safety and teaching and is paced to provide more time for learning and assessment over the full semester.

Additional information about the adaptive model is available on the Board's website in the [FAQs](#).

We know that families have many questions about the return to school. Updated information, videos and resources are available on the YRDSB website at [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening).

While we know this year will be different, we would like to assure you that our students will continue to be well supported as we make this change to the four period model.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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Principal