



# The Holland Landing Highlights

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## February 5, 2021

### From the Office

#### Model Change Request Process

On Monday, February 1, families received an email with the process to request an Elementary School Model Change. **Only families requesting a school model change need to complete the survey.** The survey (to switch models) will close on **Monday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m.**

Please note that **there will not be another opportunity to change program models this school year.**

If you need support in completing the form, please contact the office.

#### School Re-Opening (Face-to-Face) *Letter from the Board - emailed to families February 3rd*

Dear families,

We have received notice from the Ontario Ministry of Education that **schools in York Region District School Board will reopen to students for in-person learning on February 16.**

#### Elementary Schools

Elementary school students attending in-person should plan to attend school on **February 16.** Please check in with your before and after care program provider to confirm their reopening plans.

#### Elementary Model Change Survey and Timelines

For elementary students who are in the process of requesting a model change, they are to continue in their current model. Timelines for the model change will be shared in the coming week.

#### Secondary Schools

In class learning will resume on February 16. Your school will send details to confirm the rotation and cohort schedules.

#### Virtual School

There is no change in the schedule for virtual school students.

#### Student Transportation

Transportation schedules for students will be the same as the schedules followed September to December (before the school closures). Students who were attending school and transported during the closure period will revert to their schedule prior to school closure. For more information about your route, please visit: [schoolbuscity.com](http://schoolbuscity.com).

## Health and Safety Measures

As we have previously communicated, there are some new health and safety measures in place, including:

- Masks are now required for students in Grades 1-3, as well as those in Grades 4-12. Students in kindergarten are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- Masks are now required outdoors, during recess as well as common areas, in addition to in-class.
- Students are discouraged from congregating before and after school.
- York Region Public Health is recommending that students wear [three-layer masks](#). Two layer masks are permitted if they are clean and fit appropriately.
- In addition, **new screening measures** are required for all elementary and secondary staff, secondary school students and visitors. Details of the screening measures will be communicated as soon as they are finalized by public health.

If you are concerned about your child's emotional well-being, you can find [tips on how to speak to your child about COVID-19 on our website](#) as well as [mental health supports](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We will continue to share updates and information with you as it becomes available. You can also follow the Board's Twitter feed: [@YRDSB](#), or for information about YRDSB's reopening plan, visit: [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening).

Sincerely,

Cynthia Cordova,  
Chair

Louise Sirisko,  
Director of Education

## Black History Month



Mostafa Abdelhamid  
Woodbridge College

Black History Month - February 2021  
#BlackExcellence



In support of student learning, two short videos have been created for all educators to share in their virtual or face-to-face classrooms:



[Black Excellence: Then and Now](#) focuses on historical Black excellence.



[Black Excellence: Stories From Our Youth](#) features YRDSB student voice that includes noted Black student concerns, hopes, and dreams as well as contemporary examples of Black excellence.

York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities is hosting a Black History Month virtual event. For more information, please visit [www.yorkregionaacc.ca/events](http://www.yorkregionaacc.ca/events).

York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities  
Presents

**Annual Black History Month Event**

**Date:** Saturday, February 13, 2021  
**Time:** 11:00am – 2:00pm

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Dr. Bettina Love**  
Living A Hip Hop & Abolitionist Life:  
Creativity, Hip Hop Civics Ed  
and Black Joy

**Afrocentric Entertainment**

**Breakout Sessions / Workshops:**

- ✦ The History of Drumming
- ✦ Celebrating Black Canadian Innovation
- ✦ Black Health Matters:  
caring for yourself inside and out
- ✦ Youth and Children Workshop

**Venue:** Virtual Event  
**Registration:** via Eventbrite at: [bit.ly/YRAACCBHM2021](https://bit.ly/YRAACCBHM2021)

Visit [www.yorkregionaacc.ca/events](http://www.yorkregionaacc.ca/events) for more details.

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**BLACK HISTORY**  
SANKOFA: INSPIRATION FROM THE PAST TO ENLIGHTEN THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE



### School Council

**FlipGive**

Please consider joining our FlipGive fundraising team! We've raised **\$504.18** so far!



- ❖ How to participate;
  - Download the FlipGive App or visit [www.flipgive.com/join](http://www.flipgive.com/join) to sign up
  - When asked to "join existing team", enter our unique team code: **YF9WHZ**
  - Have fun shopping!

Thank you to all of the members of the HLPS community for supporting the online **Scholastic Book Fair** that took place from November 23 - December 2, 2020. Our school has received **\$215.56** from the sale to put towards materials focusing on inclusivity and mental health awareness for our school population.

**Reach Out!**

If you have a question for our School Council, or any items you would like to be brought to our attention, please email our Chair - Zalema Mavor [holland.landing.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:holland.landing.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

**Looking Ahead**

<b>February...</b>	15 - Family Day (no school) 16 - Face-to-Face students return to HLPS
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