



# Dalewood Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the staff at Dalewood School recognize that this is a difficult time for the families of our students and for all families throughout Ontario. We appreciate your cooperation with the delivery of educational services for children during this unique and challenging time. As a result of the temporary restrictions that have been imposed by the Provincial Government, including the closure of schools, some of our practices may be different in the immediate future.

During the period of school closure, we are asking that parents consider dispensing with the annual Identification, Placement and Review Committee meeting, unless they are seeking a change to their child's special education identification and/or placement for September 2020.

You will be contacted by phone by your child's Learning Resource Teacher Mrs. Coburn or Mrs. Kovljenic to seek your written/verbal consent to dispense the IPRC meeting. A copy of your decision will be recorded, and confirmed with you by email. Once schools reopen, you will be provided with a paper copy confirming the date and time of your consent to dispense the IPRC meeting.

If you dispense with an IPRC Annual Review Meeting, when schools open for the new school year:

- you will still receive an opportunity to be consulted about your child's IEP;
- you will still be able to ask for a team meeting to review the supports and services that your child receives;
- you will have the opportunity to request an IPRC three (3) months following the start of school, if you are not satisfied with the identification or placement.

A link to the Board's Parent Guide with more information about IEPs and IPRCs is noted here:

[https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/IPRC\\_2019\\_22112019.pdf](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/IPRC_2019_22112019.pdf)

IPRC Annual Review Meetings for parents who are seeking a change in identification and/or placement will be held electronically. You will be receiving information about the way the electronic meeting will be conducted, as well as the date and time for the IPRC in the next couple of weeks.

While this is an uncertain time for our families, please be assured that our special education staff members continue to be available to support your child's learning. If you have any questions about the special education programming your child is receiving, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher, learning resource or self-contained classroom teacher.

Sincerely, Mrs. Johnson, Principal of Dalewood School