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Dear Parent/Guardians,

With the warmer weather now approaching, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) would like to make you aware of our procedures during a heat event.

The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading. Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton

<http://www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices/PublicHealth/TipsToBeatTheHeat>

<http://bit.ly/nB4ZQp>

Health Canada

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php>

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela B. Reinholdt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pam Reinholdt
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