

January 17, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers.

RE: Grade 9 Mathematics (Academic and Applied)

On January 8, Chair of the Board, Alex Johnstone, provided an update to our HWDSB community on the decision to cancel the administration of the Grade 9 EQAO Mathematics assessment scheduled for January 13-24, 2020.

The Chair's update can be found on HWDSB's website at <https://bit.ly/3amoZHi>.

Further to this announcement, I am writing to provide additional information on how your child's final grade will be determined for Grade 9 Math this semester.

The Ministry of Education requires that 30% of a student's final grade be based on evidence from a final exam, other evaluation activities or a combination of both.

In HWDSB, this has usually been achieved through a final exam completed during the exam days and a portion of the EQAO assessment administered over two weeks before the end of the semester. The final exam has been worth 15% of the final grade and the portion of the EQAO assessment, marked by HWDSB teachers, has been worth 15% of the final grade.

As HWDSB students will not be participating in the EQAO assessment of Grade 9 math this January, the 30% portion of the final grade will involve a final exam or a combination of a final exam and other methods of evaluation based on the course content as determined by the classroom teacher.

Every effort will be made to ensure consistency within schools where there are multiple sections of the same course.

Please contact the school principal if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Peter Sovran