



## Elementary Switching Update – February 4, 2021

Last week we shared an update (see below) regarding the final opportunity for students to request a switch from in-person (in-school) to virtual learning (at home) or from virtual learning (at home) to in-person (in-school) learning. We have decided to proceed with a final switching opportunity for those families who indicated interest in the December switching survey and only where space is available.

You are receiving this email because you have requested a switch for your child. Earlier this week, schools contacted families to confirm all switch requests. If you have not yet heard from your child's school directly, please contact the Principal to ensure your switch request is included on their final list.

As a next step, schools will work to determine if an appropriate classroom space (either for in-person learning or virtual learning) is available for each student. While we are committed to completing as many requests as possible, it will not be possible to accommodate all requests. Priority will be given to students who live in neighbourhoods which are at higher risk for COVID-19, based on recent data from Toronto Public Health.

It is important for families to understand that a switch from in-person (in-school) learning to virtual learning and from virtual learning to in-person (in-school) learning will result in a change of teacher and class for your child. All students switching into in-person learning will attend their home school.

Additionally, while some students switching to virtual learning will be placed in the Elementary Virtual School, others will have virtual learning delivered locally through their home school. This will be delivered differently from school to school, depending on the local solution your child's home school has established.

There will not be one "switch date" as student transitions will take place over a period of time during February. Information and details specific to your child will be shared directly with you by the Principal. Families will be informed of the status of their switch request by their home school principal by the end of the day on Friday, February 12.

We thank you for your ongoing patience as we move through this complex switching process. If you have any questions, please speak with the Principal at your child's home school.

