**3) Letter to parents/guardians**

**Tag line: You are receiving this message because your child is registered at a Lambton Kent District School Board school (Grades 9 -12) in September 2021.**

Dear Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) secondary school families,

Thank you for your input on the survey regarding the secondary learning model for the 2021-2022 school year. Your feedback has supported our decision-making process. We are writing to inform you of a change in learning model for secondary schools for September 2021.

LKDSB secondary schools (both face-to-face and remote learning) will follow a Modified Semester Model in September 2021, instead of the Quadmester Model used during the current school year.

The Ministry of Education guidelines for school boards for the 2021-2022 school year limit secondary learning models to two classes per day. The Ministry is supportive of a modified semester model.

This Modified Semester Model will address concerns about the pace and intensity of courses experienced during the current school year in the Quadmester Model. We believe the Modified Semester Model is more supportive of student learning. The decision was made after seeking input from students, staff and parents/guardians. Consideration was given to increasing vaccination rates. Local public health units have been consulted about the *Modified Semester Model*.

Under the Modified Semester Model, students will take a total of four (4) classes each semester. In Week 1, students will have a morning class and an afternoon class - each class will provide 150 minutes of instruction. In Week 2, students will have two other courses (morning class and an afternoon class and each class will provide 150 minutes of instruction). See the sample schedule below.

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| **Week 1** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday**  | **Friday** |
|  **am** | Period A | Period A | Period A | Period A | Period A |
|  | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| **pm** | Period B | Period B | Period B | Period B | Period B |
| **Week 2** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday**  | **Friday** |
| **am** | Period C | Period C | Period C | Period C | Period C |
|  | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| **pm** | Period D | Period D | Period D | Period D | Period D |

Week 1/Week 2 will alternate throughout the semester, ending the semester with 5 Evaluation days. This model will be followed by secondary students in both face-to-face and remote learning settings. Further details about the plan will be available in mid-August.