

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

## **Module 6 Cancelled**

Dear Students,

On behalf of all of our staff, I hope you and your families are all keeping well. I am also writing to share an update related to Module 6 offered at the Thomas Merton Centre for Adult & Continuing Education.

Given the current COVID-19 situation and the extension of school closures announced by the Ministry of Education on March 31<sup>st</sup>, our staff have been working diligently to prepare the delivery of a distance education learning model. However, this has delayed the start date of Module 5.

Due to these circumstances, and the timelines and resources available, we have made the difficult decision to CANCEL Module 6.

We recognize that this decision will cause some frustration and disappointment as many of you are currently scheduled in classes that are required for diploma completion and/or are in the process of completing post-secondary requirements that are necessary for admission. However, I wanted to reassure you that we will do all that we can to assist you with alternative arrangements to address the cancellation of Module 6.

### **Next Steps**

Please do not hesitate to contact Jen Peer, our Guidance Counsellor through email at: [peerj@hcdsb.org](mailto:peerj@hcdsb.org) should you need to adjust your timetable for Module 5 as a result of this cancellation, or if the completion of a Module 6 course was required prior to the summer for post-secondary purposes.

We continue to monitor and await updates from colleges (OCAS) and universities (OUAC). To date, no changes have been made to the admissions process, but we do know that they are reviewing their procedures as well. We strongly encourage you to reach out directly to schools about specific program and admission decisions.

Please note that the literacy requirement for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) has been waived for students that are on track to graduate in June, 2020.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding during this period of uncertainty. As always, we continue to draw on our faith and offer prayers for the safety and well-being of all students and families, including the sick and those who are working on the frontlines to care for them.

Gino Montanari  
Principal, Thomas Merton Adult and Continuing Education