



The rationale for a district-wide timetable is grounded in two UCDSB realities – the need for our students to be able to access the courses they desire for future success and, our desire as a Board to ensure that all UCDSB students have equitable opportunities to do so

We have many high schools with less than 300 students, which can limit some course choices for some students. A district-wide timetable will allow us to provide access to e-Learning courses for students in a more supported synchronous delivery model and will in turn allow schools flexibility to continue to offer face-to-face courses that are best presented in this manner within the school-based timetable.

With all UCDSB secondary schools following the same schedule, we can offer synchronous eLearning courses that occur in a set period of the day with the class teacher available and online during that time for digital instruction and daily support. Students from across our Board can be taking the same course at the same time and have direct contact with the teacher and other students, much like a traditional face-to-face course. Together, they can participate in discussions, collaborate on learning tasks and seek clarification and feedback on assignments. This will provide students with the flexibility of online learning with enhanced support that taking it synchronously can offer.

The district-wide timetable structure will allow us to develop a coordinated approach to program delivery across the UCDSB to provide greater equity in our schools. eLearning, Continuing Education, Summer Semester and face-to-face instruction are familiar means for students to access learning in UCDSB and we are excited to use these more strategically within the structure of a district-wide timetable to serve our students, regardless of geographic location or the size of the local secondary school.

We look forward to offering our secondary students expanded program opportunities with the full roll out of the district-wide timetable in September 2020.

For more information about the UCDSB's District-Wide Timetable please contact me by email at [shelley.riddell@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:shelley.riddell@ucdsb.on.ca) or leave a message at the school number and I will return your call.

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