

February 26, 2019

To parents, guardians and caregivers of students attending Bellmoore, Janet Lee, and Tapleytown

RE: Temporary Accommodation of Bellmoore Students at the New School at Summit Park

Consultation has been conducted to engage with the communities of Janet Lee, Tapleytown and Bellmoore through the Temporary Accommodation Advisory Panel about how to alleviate the accommodation pressures at Bellmoore using the new school being built at the Summit Park site.

Through this consultation, the panel came up with three potential accommodation options, as well as the existing option to move Grade 7 and 8 students to the new school on the Summit Park site. The options that the panel suggested included:

- Increasing junior kindergarten cap and redirecting all new students to the new school on the Summit Park Site;
- New students within South Boundary redirected to the new school on the Summit Park Site; and
- South West & North Portion of Bellmoore Catchment and Fletcher Road New Development attend New School on the Summit Park Site.

At the February 25, 2019 Board meeting, Trustees rescinded the earlier decision to relocate Grade 7 and 8 students from Bellmoore, and approved the following motion:

That any new families within the south boundary be redirected to the new school on the Summit Park Site until a permanent solution can be found to solve the accommodation pressures at Bellmoore.

After community consultation using the Boundary Review process, Trustees endorsed the recommended plan that would direct new students living within the southern boundary area of Bellmoore to the new school on the Summit Park site. The boundary for this accommodation plan captures Binbrook's urban area south of Binbrook Road (see Map A). This plan balances enrolment at Bellmoore and Summit Park site in the long term, efficiently utilizes current facility investments, and has less impact on transportation.

It's important to note that as part of this plan, all students currently attending Bellmoore will continue to attend Bellmoore until a more permanent solution can be found. Non-school age siblings of students currently attending Bellmoore, living within the Bellmoore catchment, may also attend Bellmoore. All new families (including housing resale) living within the southern boundary area of Bellmoore will be directed to the new school at the Summit Park site.

A Transition Committee has been formed to support a smooth transition of families moving to the new school at Summit Park in September. The first Transition Committee meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 6 p.m. at Janet Lee Elementary School**. Families are welcome to come to this meeting to observe the discussions and learn about plans for next year.

For more information about school consolidation plans, please visit the HWDSB About - School Renewal – Transition Committees section on HWDSB’s website. The complete report from Board is also located on the following website: www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/school-renewal/transition-committees

If you have any questions about this information, please contact your school’s principal and/or vice-principal.

Sincerely,



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Map A

