

January 25, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Monday, January 24, 2011, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) approved the initiation of several elementary reviews, including a review of the accommodation of students at Prince Philip, G.R. Allan and Dalewood schools.

HWDSB is committed to creating innovative learning environments that support student achievement. Accommodation reviews are necessary to address the facility and redevelopment requirements for those schools designated as prohibitive to repair. Reviews are important to make sure we are efficiently using available space to accommodate students as long-term demand for enrolment changes.

The goal is to establish an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the Dalewood area by February 2011. The committee will be looking at attendance boundaries, potential consolidation of schools, as well as program and grade structure.

Public consultation is at the heart of the accommodation review process. The review will engage a wide range of school and community groups to participate in the consultation in order to make recommendations to trustees.

We will continue to keep you informed as we move through the Accommodation Review process. For more information, please visit our website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/arcelementary.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chair and Trustee Judith Bishop
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