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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, your school is part of the Elementary Accommodation Review currently taking place at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB). The review is looking at the future of student accommodation across Hamilton to ensure we have the optimal number of facilities, and that we are creating innovative learning environments that support student achievement.

The review is a year-long process that involves input from an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) made up of parents, community members, principals, students, teachers and staff. As part of the process, a staff recommendation is presented to each committee to provide the foundation for its discussions. While this recommendation does name schools for potential closure, it does not mean a school will close.

At last night's ARC meeting, King George was recommended for closure. Over the next year, the committee will be looking at this information and will be forming its own recommendation. Both sets of recommendations will be presented to trustees in December, 2011. Trustees will not make a final decision until early 2012.

Public consultation is at the heart of the accommodation review process. A minimum of four public meetings are to be held by each of the accommodation review committees, as well as a number of additional working meetings.

The goal is to engage a wide range of school and community groups to participate in the consultation before the recommendations are presented to trustees. The next Public Meeting of the King George ARC is scheduled to take place from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 17, 2011 at Prince of Wales Elementary School (77 Melrose Avenue North, in the gym).

We will continue to keep you up-to-date on the ARC's progress as we move through this process. If you have any questions, please visit our website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/arcelementary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Bain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ken Bain
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