



# École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware about some accommodation pressures that Bellmoore Elementary School is facing and how that will affect us at École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean.

Bellmoore opened in September 2012 and since that time, student enrolment continues to exceed expectations due to the continued development in the Binbrook area.

As a proactive measure to the enrolment pressures at Bellmoore, our school will have six portables installed for the 2017/2018 school year, in case enrolment exceeds projections at Bellmoore. This means that Michaëlle Jean **may** house Bellmoore students until long-term accommodations are available within the Binbrook community. Students attending Michaëlle Jean from Bellmoore will be bused to our school.

To support the installation of the six portables, the following work is scheduled to begin in July and be completed in time for the 2017/2018 school year:

- Portables will have PA, Fire Alarm, Security and Wi-Fi installed
- Portables will remain locked until they are needed for Bellmoore students
- Replacement of the electrical panel

We will also be upgrading our septic system. This work is not associated with the installation of portables.

Further, if enrolment continues to rise at Bellmoore, an additional two portables may need to be added to our school in the summer of 2018. These portables will only be installed if it is identified that there is a need to accommodate more Bellmoore students.

As well, HWDSB has also recently received Ministry funding for a new JK-8 elementary school in the Summit Park development. This new school, once built and opened, will also act as a holding school for Bellmoore.

As this involves the entire Binbrook community, your input is very important to ensuring student success and positive transitions. You are encouraged to attend School Council meetings in the new year, where you can share your thoughts.



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HWDSB will also continue to seek your thoughts and opinions through public meetings as this process develops. You can stay informed through our website at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/michaellejean](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/michaellejean).

You can also let me know if you have any questions or concerns by contacting me at 905-692-5436.

Sincerely,

Biljana Arsovic  
Principal