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Dear Beverly Central and Dr. John Seaton school communities,

Thank you for being part of HWDSB's consultation on a proposal to temporarily accommodate Beverly Central and Dr. John Seaton students at Dr. John Seaton Elementary School beginning in September 2017.

Through the consultation process, the following became evident:

- Most parents who participated opposed the transition to one school community and wanted both schools to remain open until the new school opens.
- Many parents worried that this transition would negatively impact their child's learning and well-being.
- Many parents had concerns about the proposal's health and safety implications.
- Many parents felt that the plan was financially driven.
- Many parents felt that the plan did not respect the recommendations arising from the West Flamborough Accommodation Review Committee work that concluded in 2014.

A follow up meeting to present the consultation feedback and answer questions will take place on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. at Beverly Central.

HWDSB staff will also summarize the results of this feedback in a report to the Finance and Facilities Committee on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. The Board of Trustees will consider this report on Monday, February 27, 2017 and will decide if the plan will move forward. These are public meetings and the agendas, minutes and reports will be posted online at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/trustees/meetings/>. We will also use the school websites to keep families updated.

Beverly Central and Dr. John Seaton are excellent schools, with strong academic programming and positive school cultures. Their communities care deeply about their schools. I know this tradition of strong parental engagement and involvement will continue at the new school.

Thank you again for taking the time and effort to share your voice.

Sincerely,



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