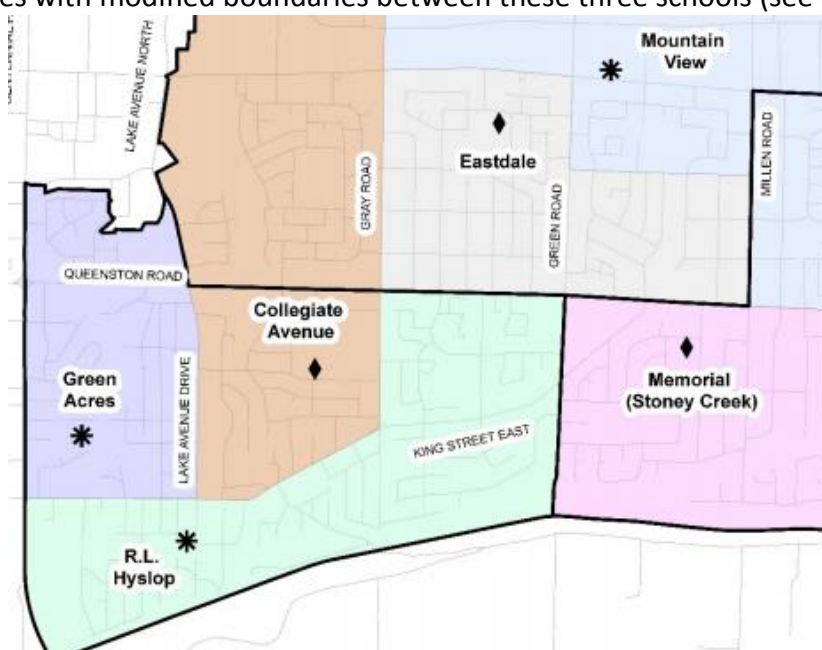


December 12, 2017

To parents, guardians, caregivers of Collegiate Avenue, Green Acres & R.L. Hyslop Schools,

As part of the Lower Stoney Creek Accommodation Review, the Board of Trustees approved the closure of Collegiate Avenue, Eastdale, Green Acres, Memorial (SC), Mountain View and R.L. Hyslop Schools and the opening of three new JK-8 elementary schools on the Collegiate, Eastdale and Memorial (SC) sites with modified boundaries between these three schools (see map below).



On August 4, 2017, the Ministry of Education provided a little over 6 million dollars to fund an addition at the existing Collegiate Avenue School to support the consolidation of Green Acres and R.L. Hyslop Schools. This addition provides an extra 213 pupil places, including two more kindergarten classes and a child care space.

At the Facilities & Finance Committee meeting held on December 6, 2017, staff recommended that an additional 4.35 million dollars in facility benchmark upgrades be combined with the 6 million dollars in Ministry funding to complete the addition, ensuring current elementary school facility standards. This would result in **over 10 million dollars invested in Collegiate Avenue School to accommodate just over 500 students and daycare space**. This recommendation was approved at the Facilities and Finance Committee, with the final decision to be determined at the December 18, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting.

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To keep families informed, community information nights will be held on a regular basis. The first public meeting reviewing plans for this project will be held on **Thursday December 21, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. at Collegiate Avenue School.**

Families of Collegiate Avenue, Green Acres and R.L. Hyslop are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about preliminary plans and next steps.

Sincerely,



Jeff Gillies
Superintendent of Student Achievement