



Bellmore Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Bellmore Elementary School, we have seen continued growth in student enrolment since opening in September 2012. As the Binbrook community continues to develop, student enrolment is approaching site capacity.

In response to projected enrolment, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) will be installing four more portables on the grounds at Bellmore. These portables will be installed over the summer and will be ready for use by the first day of school in September. It is anticipated that these additional portables will accommodate all students at Bellmore for the upcoming school year.

In the event that enrolment for the 2017/18 school year exceeds projections, HWDSB is preparing to utilize École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean as a temporary holding site for Bellmore students. To support this plan, HWDSB will be installing six portables at Michaëlle Jean for the 2017/2018 school year. Again, this is being done proactively and will only see Bellmore students attending this holding site temporarily if enrollment exceeds projections. Bellmore students attending Michaëlle Jean will continue to be enrolled at Bellmore, will receive regular school programming and will be provided transportation between the two sites.

Looking beyond the 2017/18 school year, it is anticipated that Michaëlle Jean will be used to accommodate Bellmore students until future school sites become available. With this in mind, HWDSB has recently received Ministry funding for a new JK-8 elementary school to be built in the Summit Park development. This new school, once built and open, will likely help ease enrolment pressures at our school.

To learn more about these plans, please feel free to attend our upcoming School Council meeting taking place at the school on **Thursday January 12th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** Updates and notices of future meetings will be available through our website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/bellmore. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at 905-692-5435 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin Heer
Principal