

January 25, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Monday, January 24, 2011, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) approved the initiation of several elementary reviews, including a review of the accommodation of students in the Hill Park cluster, including Cardinal Heights, Eastmount Park, Franklin Road, G.L. Armstrong, Linden Park, Pauline Johnson, Queensdale and Ridgemount.

HWDSB is committed to creating innovative learning environments that support student achievement. Accommodation reviews are necessary to address the facility and redevelopment requirements for those schools designated as prohibitive to repair. Reviews are important to make sure we are efficiently using available space to accommodate students as long-term demand for enrolment changes.

The goal is to present a final report to trustees no later than December 31, 2012. The committee will be looking at attendance boundaries, potential consolidation of schools, as well as program and grade structure of the schools involved. At this time, there is no scheduled date to establish the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the Hill Park associated cluster.

Public consultation is at the heart of the accommodation review process. The review will engage a wide range of school and community groups to participate in the consultation in order to make recommendations to trustees.

We will continue to keep you informed as we move closer to the beginning of the Accommodation Review process. For more information, please visit our website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/arcelementary.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chair Judith Bishop
Trustee Lillian Orban
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