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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, your school is part of the East Hamilton City Area 1 Elementary Accommodation Review (ARC) currently taking place at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB). At HWDSB, we want to give our students the best schools. We have schools with empty spaces and in need of expensive renovations. This is why Accommodation Review Committees (ARCs) have been set up to look at groups of schools and recommend a path for the Board's decision-making.

The ARC is a months-long process that involves input from parents, community members, principals, students, teachers and staff. As part of the process, a Board staff option is presented to each committee in order to provide the foundation that forms its discussions. While this option does name schools for potential closure, it does not necessarily mean a school will close.

At last night's meeting of the East Hamilton City Area 1 Elementary Accommodation Review, Board staff presented a preliminary option. This option is a starting point for community discussion. The Board staff option is:

- **Close Roxborough Park and Woodward in June 2014. Consolidate their students into Hillcrest in September 2014. This will require minimal construction/renovation costs.**
- **Close Rosedale in June 2014. Consolidate its students into Viscount Montgomery in September 2014. This will require minimal construction/renovation costs.**
- **Close Parkdale in June 2014. Consolidate its students into W.H. Ballard in September 2014. This will require minimal construction/renovation costs.**

Over the coming months, the ARC meetings will study this information and develop its own recommendation(s). The Board of Trustees will consider all recommendations and input before making a final decision.

An ARC involves two types of meetings: at working meetings, committee members ensure that information is prepared for presentation at each of the public meetings; at each of the four public meetings, your participation in table discussions will contribute to creating accommodations options for our schools.

The East Hamilton City Area 1 ARC will have a public meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at Hillcrest Elementary School (40 Eastwood Street Hamilton).

You can also participate by visiting our ARC website to find agendas, minutes, overviews and more at www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementaryarc. You can comment on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/hwdsb or write our ARC assistant at arcinfo@hwdsb.on.ca.

Thank you for having your say as we strive to give all students great schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela B. Reinholdt".

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