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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, your school is part of the West Flamborough 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 the October 2nd meeting of the West Flamborough Elementary Accommodation Review, Board staff presented a preliminary option. This option is a starting point for community discussion. The Board staff option is:

- Close Beverly Central in June 2014. Consolidate Beverly Central and Dr. Seaton into Dr. Seaton in September 2014.
  - $\circ$   $\$  Estimated need to modify an existing classroom into a kindergarten space
- Close Greensville in June 2014. Consolidate Greensville and Spencer Valley into Spencer Valley in September 2014.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The southeast portion of Greensville's current JK-5 boundary to be assigned to Millgrove
  - o Estimated need to modify two existing classrooms into kindergarten spaces
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Estimated need to construct an addition with three new classrooms

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 West Flamborough ARC will have its second public meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday November 6, 2013. Location is to be determined and will be shared online, in flyers and in newsletters.

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

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

Sincerely,

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