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Dear Families of RL Hyslop and Green Acres attending Collegiate Elementary School,

We are pleased to update families on the revitalized Collegiate Elementary School that is scheduled to open to students and staff in September 2021. The K-8 school will accommodate 213 pupil places as we welcome students from RL Hyslop and Green Acres Elementary Schools.

About the School

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. On June 19, 2017, the Ministry of Education announced funding in the amount of \$6 million to support the revitalization of the school at the Collegiate Avenue site. HWDSB Trustees then approved an additional \$4.3 million in funding to support the project.

New Name

Recently, the Board of Trustees approved the new name of the school based on the input from the Naming Advisory Committee. Work is underway to engage the school communities in the development of the school's logo.

Transition Supports

A change like this can be exciting and stressful for students and their families. To support a smooth transition, staff are planning a variety of opportunities for students to build relationships with staff and students from other schools, get familiar with the facilities, honour the closing of their current school, and celebrate the formation of a new school community.

Bell Times

Beginning in September 2021, the school will start at 8:45am and end at 3:05pm.

Transportation

Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) is starting their annual planning process, which includes finalizing eligibility lists and confirming all boundary changes. In mid-August, eligible families can expect a School Messenger notification and information posted on the HWSTS website about their transportation information.

Some families may experience a change in bus rider eligibility. According to the <u>HWDSB Transportation</u> <u>Policy 3.10</u>, students will be eligible for transportation services to their in-catchment school when the walking distance exceeds the 1.2km for Kindergarten students and 1.6km for grades 1-8 students.



School Closing Ceremony

Virtual school closing slide presentations for R.L Hyslop and Green Acres will be showcased for families in these school communities at the end of June. Dates when these presentations will be available will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Boundary Maps

The attached map provides a general overview of the changes to the boundaries.

Future Updates

Stay connected with updates on the new Collegiate Elementary School website. Our website is now available at www.hwdsb.on.ca/collegiate. We will continue to build our website with information as we build our new school community.

Parent Portal

Parents/guardians will keep their active account for each child in their family. The account will move to the new school before the start of the school year. New families can contact the school to be set up for their Parent Portal account.

Principal

We are pleased to announce that Lisa Barzetti is the principal of Collegiate Elementary School effective September 1, 2021. As you know, Ms. Barzetti is currently principal at Green Acres and R.L. Hyslop and we are grateful for her leadership as we move through the transition of school closure to opening.

Contact

For more detailed information or questions about the upcoming transition, please contact Lisa Barzetti, principal at either RL Hyslop Elementary School, 905-662-8425, or Green Acres Elementary School, 905-662-7021.

Sincerely,

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