



December 3, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is reimagining its role in the community and revitalizing its approach to education. Trustees and staff will soon seek your input to shape the future of our school communities.

HWDSB Trustees will consider a motion on Dec. 7 to begin accommodation reviews of elementary schools in East Hamilton and Lower Stoney Creek. This report includes initial options and alternative options for each area. These are only starting points that the community must help shape before Trustees make any final proposals to the Ministry.

Specifically, the *initial options* are:

| East Hamilton   | Lower Stoney Creek   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rebuild a combined Glen Brae/Glen Echo</li><li>• Additions to Lake Avenue and Sir Wilfrid Laurier</li><li>• Close Elizabeth Bagshaw and Sir Isaac Brock</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rebuild Collegiate Avenue, Eastdale and Memorial Stoney Creek</li><li>• Close Green Acres, Mountain View and R.L. Hyslop</li></ul> |

\*Alternative options can be found online at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/reviews](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/reviews)

In the months ahead, we will be looking at school sites in a ‘big picture’ way to plan for the future and create the best environments for students. Schools under review have served us well for decades and it’s time to renew them for future generations. We have an opportunity to revitalize our programs, renew our facilities and maximize our partnerships.

Our goal is to examine possibilities that might include consolidating school sites, additions and upgrades or possible new school construction. This may also allow for new programs and opportunities for students.

HWDSB also continues to have unfunded space in schools and can’t keep up with repairs. Preparing for the future puts us all in a positive position, so we have the opportunity to attract Ministry funding to renew our facilities.

You are crucial to this process and we want you involved every step of the way. We will share information about the review process, invite you to get involved in a variety of ways and remain open to your input, feedback and questions.



Our review process has changed since the last round of reviews. We have cut through red tape to directly receive community input. We will work with our community on final proposals. And we have an increased focus on facility partnerships, open communication and the aim to align HWDSB with the needs of our community.

You can stay informed on the website [www.hwdsb.on.ca/reviews](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/reviews).

We look forward to the opportunities ahead and our bright future in education, together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd White".

Todd White  
Trustee, Ward 5  
Chair of the Board

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Jeff Beattie  
Trustee, Wards 9 &10