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To parents, guardians, caregivers of Collegiate Avenue, Green Acres & R.L. Hyslop Schools,

Thank you to those of you who were able to participate in the community information meeting held on Thursday December 21, 2017 at Collegiate Avenue School. This meeting followed the decision by the Board of Trustees on December 18, 2017 for staff to engage with the Ministry of Education to consider holding the \$6 million provided for the Collegiate Ave. addition for the purpose of resubmitting the business case for building a new school. If written permission from the Ministry regarding this proposal is not obtained by January 31, 2018, the original motion (below) will move forward.

That the Board proceed with the project as funded by the Ministry: a 213 pupil place addition to the existing Collegiate Elementary School to support the consolidation of Green Acres Public School and R.L. Hyslop Public Schools with a commitment to a phased design approach and financial monitoring updates to the Finance and Facilities Committee to ensure the project is feasible, based on scope and budget

Once a direction has been finalized, a letter will be issued to families to provide updates as well as next steps. Although there are no immediate changes, please refer to the Lower Stoney Creek Transitions document included to better understand the coordination of school consolidation over the next few years. Specifically:

- 1. **Zone 2 Collegiate Ave.** students move to new school on Eastdale site when construction is completed (projected for the 2019-20 school year).
- 2. **Zone 6 Collegiate Ave**. students move to holding school (Green Acres/R.L. Hyslop) during construction at Collegiate (projected for the 2019-20 school year).
- 3. **Zones 6, 7 & 8** students move from Green Acres and R.L. Hyslop to school at the Collegiate site when construction is complete.

I hope this information is helpful. I look forward to working with you to support smooth transitions and clear communication over the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

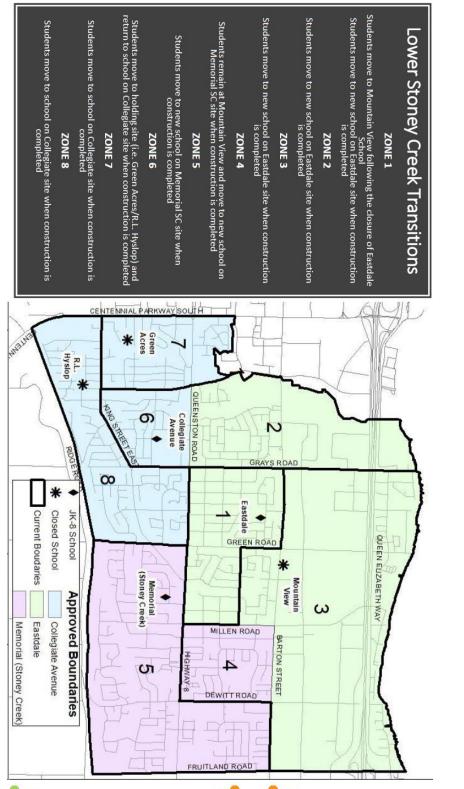
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