

January 29, 2018

To parents, guardians & caregivers of A.M. Cunningham, Glen Brae & Glen Echo French Immersion students,

Re: East Hamilton & Lower Stoney Creek French Immersion Relocation Transition Plan

On Thursday January 11, 2018 HWDSB staff hosted a public meeting at Glen Echo school to provide parents the opportunity to give feedback regarding proposed transition plan options for the relocation of the French Immersion program from Glen Echo and Glen Brae Public Schools. Information regarding this public meeting can be found on the Boundary Review site of the HWDSB website www.hwdsb.on.ca.

Based on feedback provided at the public meeting, staff are continuing to investigate all possibilities to make the relocation of the French Immersion program from Glen Echo and Glen Brae as smooth as possible. A final decision regarding the transition plan is expected to be made in February, with updates provided to families at that time.

Planning is based on the December 18, 2017 Board motion from the East Hamilton and Lower Stoney Creek French Immersion Boundary Review for East Hamilton and Lower Stoney Creek:

That the French Immersion programs at Glen Echo (grades 1-5) and Glen Brae (grade 6-8) be relocated to Parkdale (grades 1-5) and W.H. Ballard (grades 6-8) and A.M. Cunningham (grade 1-5) and the new school on Eastdale (grades 1-8) be approved based on the boundaries and move the Sir Wilfrid Laurier English catchment into the Parkdale / W. H. Ballard French Immersion Stream.

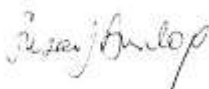
Further, Grade 1 French Immersion is to begin at Parkdale and Green Acres (while Eastdale is being constructed) for September 2018 and that staff engage with affected school communities and return to trustees with a transition plan for current grade 1-7 students at Glen Brae and Glen Echo.

Thank you for your participation in this process and your patience as a plan is finalized.

Sincerely,



Paul Denomme,



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Jeff Gillies

Superintendents of Student Achievement