

MILTON SW#9 PS BOUNDARY REVIEW 2014



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- THE NEW MILTON SW #9 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (ERA 127) IS PLANNED TO OPEN IN **SEPTEMBER 2015**.
- THE NEW SCHOOL IS LOCATED ON **FARMSTEAD DRIVE**, SOUTH OF LOUIS ST. LAURENT AVENUE BETWEEN BRONTE STREET SOUTH AND REGIONAL ROAD 25.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Boundary Review process timeline?

The process was initiated in the fall of 2014. Ideally a final recommendation would be put forward to the Board of Trustees for their approval in February 2015.

How long does it take to build a school?

Construction of a new elementary school typically takes 12-14 months. Further information about school construction and timelines can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

What is the boundary for the new school? What grades will be offered?

Milton SW #9 ps boundary, grade structure and program offerings will be determined by the Boundary Review Process. French Immersion program options are being considered within the review process.

NEW! Can I request to attend the new school?

We are at the beginning of the boundary review process. Upon completion of this process boundaries for Milton SW #9 will be determined. If you do not reside in this area you can apply for optional attendance.

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What will the name of the school be?

HDSB names new schools in accordance with the [School Naming Procedure](#) . This is a consultative procedure which welcomes community input. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision based on a shortlist of potential names in the spring of 2015.

Will the new school have before and after care available on site?

No determination has been made on whether or not the new school will open with child care available. This will be decided closer to the opening of the school. It should be noted that the three schools to open most recently in Milton do have child care on site. HDSB communicates with the YMCA and MCRC about the provision of child care in HDSB schools.

Will there be any provision to keep siblings together?

Consideration is always given to whether siblings can be kept at the same school as part of the scenario evaluation process.

How big will the school be?

The new elementary school is planned to open as a 776 pupil place school.

Will Milton SW #9 open with portables?

Typically, new schools located in new neighbourhoods will have portables on site to accommodate enrolments. The timing for the placement of portables will depend on factors such as demographics, the established boundary, program offerings at the school and timing of Boyne Development.

Why not build bigger schools?

Schools are sized to be consistent with the longer term needs of a community. If schools were being built larger, we would eventually face a situation where we would have to consolidate surplus pupil places, in other words, close schools. Additionally, elementary schools function best at a certain size, 2000 pupil places would be unmanageable for the age group.

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Why are portable classrooms used rather than permanent additions?

Portable classrooms are utilized to provide interim pupil accommodation at schools experiencing enrolment growth due new residential development (i.e. new subdivisions) or as a result of policy/program initiatives. The trend for schools located within new residential communities is to have significant enrolment growth in the short to medium term, with enrolment peaking in year 10. As the community matures, enrolment declines and the portable classrooms are removed to the point that all students are able to be accommodated within the building itself. Constructing permanent additions to facilities to accommodate the peak enrolments, typically results in the school(s) being under capacity with vacant pupil places once the community matures. This could possibly result in the Board having a number of schools with vacant pupil places, which could result in the need to undertake Program and Accommodation Reviews (i.e. school closures or consolidations) for these underutilized schools. Historically, schools were built to meet these peak enrolments. However, due to declining enrolment in these schools as a result of the communities maturing, the Board has undertaken a number of Program and Accommodation Reviews (PARCs), which has resulted in school closures in many of these neighbourhoods. In the event that there are new policy/program initiatives (i.e. implementation of Full-Day JK/SK), with funding from the Ministry of Education, permanent additions are constructed.

What is the difference between Grandparenting and Optional Attendance?

Grandparenting is a decision to allow existing students of a specific grade(s) in a neighbourhood(s) or geographic area(s) to remain at their current school until they complete a particular grade at that school (e.g., grade 8). This usually occurs in situations where changes to school boundaries have taken place. When not grandparented, change in boundaries would normally require affected students to change schools. Students being grandparented are provided transportation subject to the HDSB transportation policies. Siblings of students that have been grandparented will be directed (unless otherwise stated) to the designated school as per the new approved school boundary. Historically, the Halton District School Board has made an effort to grandparent students in their graduating year. Students preferring not to be grandparented may apply for Optional Attendance as per the Board's Administrative Procedure.



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Optional Attendance allows a student to attend a school other than their home school based on approval of their optional attendance application. If there is space available at the school then optional attendance may be granted and is only guaranteed for one school year. Parents would need to contact their home school to apply for optional attendance. Transportation is not provided to students who are attending a school through optional attendance.

New! Is there a plan for an additional school in the Escarpment View Area?

There is no available space to build a school in this area.

New! Is there a plan for new schools? Where is Milton #10?

Milton #10 is between Tremaine Rd and Regional Road 25, south of Louis St. Laurent Avenue. Funding has not been approved for Milton #10. The site has not been acquired.

New! Will there be a new Secondary School?

A new secondary school is planned between Bronte Street South and the CNR tracks, south of Louis St. Laurent Avenue. Funding has not been approved.

Transportation Questions?

Transportation Questions are to be directed to [Halton Student Transportation Services](#) at 1-888-803-8660 ext 255.

New! Is development considered in the projections?

Yes, Halton District School Board is circulated on all development plans. The type and number of units is included within the information shared by the municipality. The Planning department utilizes the information on units and phasing to develop long range projections. Planning regularly communicates with the Town of Milton and Developers.

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New! Does the Planning Department look at the number of students coming from each of the houses?

The Planning Department reviews Student Yields on an annual basis. This number is incorporated into our development projections. Yield templates are developed for the various types of development (single family, townhouses, and apartments).

New! Will there be split-classes in the new school?

The Halton District School Board is required by provincial legislation and funding to limit the number of students in their elementary classes. The Ministry funds Kindergarten at a ratio of 26 students to 1 teacher and 1 Early Childhood Educator. Classes for Grades 1-3 are funded at a ratio of 19.8:1, however only 10 percent of all classes can exceed 20 students. The 10 percent that exceed a class size of 20 students can only be as large as 23. As a result, combined classes will in all likelihood exist in the new school.