

December 2, 2019

Dear Northwest Oakville community members,

The Halton District School Board is conducting a school boundary review in your neighbourhood.

More specifically, the area being reviewed is located within the **Palermo community**, situated north of Upper Middle Road and west of Bronte Road in ERA 114. There are two small residential areas within this community where students are currently directed to Heritage Glen Public School in ERA 115. They are referred to as Village Common/Chateau Common - the north pocket, and Deerview Common/Trawden Way - the south pocket. Please refer to the below maps (areas of study are marked in red) for the exact locations.

The only areas impacted by this boundary review are these two pockets. There is no intention of changing any other boundaries for Palermo Public School and Heritage Glen Public School.

A Boundary Review Steering Committee has been established and has reviewed boundary options. These options will be presented at a public information meeting. Options will also be posted on the Halton District School Board website at www.hdsb.ca.

Members of the community are invited to attend this meeting on:

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 (7 - 9 p.m.)

Palermo Public School (2561 Valleyridge Drive, Oakville)

Background:

Under a recommendation from a 2011/2012 boundary review, it was determined that elementary students in these two pockets would attend Heritage Glen Public School for English and French Immersion programs. At that time, Palermo Public School was over capacity and these areas, undeveloped at the time, were directed to Heritage Glen Public School.

As of Oct. 31, 2019 there are 62 elementary students attending Heritage Glen Public School from these two communities (24 elementary students from the north pocket and 38 elementary students from the south pocket). Given that these two communities are within the Palermo Public School community and enrolments at Palermo PS are projected to decline over the next 10 years, **it is recommended that these communities be redirected back to Palermo PS.**

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The boundary review process is expected to be completed in early January 2020 (no later than February 2020) with boundary changes to be implemented for September 2020.

We encourage parents/guardians and residents to remain informed by reviewing information posted on the HDSB website at www.hdsb.ca (search: Palermo Boundary Review).

If you have questions about the ERA 114/115 Boundary Review, please email palermoboundaryreview@hdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Education
Chair, ERA 114/115 Boundary Review Steering Committee

