

November 22, 2019

Dear Families at Palermo PS and Heritage Glen PS,

Palermo Community Boundary Review

At the Oct. 2, 2019 Board Meeting, Trustees of the Halton District School Board passed a motion to initiate a process to review the boundaries for two schools located within ERA 114 and ERA 115. The two schools are Palermo PS and Heritage Glen PS.

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 that are currently directed to Heritage Glen PS 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 attached 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 of Palermo PS and Heritage Glen PS.

A Boundary Review Steering Committee has been established to review boundary options concerning these two pockets. The details will be presented at a public information meeting and posted on the Halton District School Board website at www.hdsb.ca. The meeting will take place 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 PS for English and French Immersion programs. At that time, Palermo PS was over capacity and these areas, undeveloped at the time, were directed to Heritage Glen PS.

As of Oct. 31, 2019 there are 62 elementary students attending Heritage Glen PS 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 PS 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.**

The Boundary Review Steering Committee includes representation from all potentially impacted schools: Trustees Tracey Ehl Harrison (Oakville - Wards 1 & 2), Joanna Oliver (Oakville - Ward 4), Margo Shuttleworth (Burlington - Ward 4, Co-Chair of the Boundary Review Committee), Planning Department staff, and Superintendents of Education Terri Blackwell (Co-Chair of the Boundary Review Committee) and Colette Ruddock (Chair of the Boundary Review Steering Committee).

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 Palermo Boundary Review, please email palermoboundaryreview@hdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

Colette Ruddock
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Chair, ERA 114/115 Boundary Review Steering Committee