



# Halton District School Board

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David Euale, *Director of Education*

Don Vrooman, *Chair of the Board*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

At the February 1, 2012 meeting of the Board, Trustees approved the Northeast Burlington elementary school boundaries. Part of that approval was the following motion:

Be it resolved that should sufficient portables be secured and placed at Charles R. Beaudoin Public School, no later than September 4, 2012, the French Immersion boundary for Charles R. Beaudoin Public School will remain as prior to the Alton Elementary boundary review.

If no portables (or an insufficient number) were secured, only those North Headon FI students in grades 5 – 7 in 2011-12 would remain at Charles R. Beaudoin (CRB). All other North Headon Forest FI students would be served by Clarksdale PS/Rolling Meadows PS.

Since the approval of this motion, the Board has been working with the City of Burlington to gain approval to place portables on the Charles R. Beaudoin site. On July 16th, City Council approved the addition of up to 4 portables to the CRB site. On August 8th, the HDSB was advised by the City of Burlington that no appeals of the Council decision were received as of the deadline of August 7th. As a result, our Facility Services staff is currently working on securing and installing 4 portables on the CRB site subject to the modifications to the site as directed by the City of Burlington.

In reviewing our most recent enrolment projections for CRB, we have determined that 4 portables are insufficient to address the long-term needs of the school and therefore the Board cannot proceed to maintain the CRB boundaries as prior to the Alton Elementary boundary review. The current enrolment capacity of the school is 704 FTE (full-time equivalent students). The addition of 4 portables will increase this to approximately 796 students. Unfortunately, the inclusion of the North Headon Forest FI students would push the enrolment well in excess of 850+ students within the next few years.

However, we feel that with the addition of 4 portables there is sufficient accommodation to allow FI students from North Headon Forest who attended CRB in 2011-12 to continue to attend that school with transportation provided in accordance with French as a Second Language Policy of the Board. New grade 1 FI students and future FI students from North Headon Forest will attend Clarksdale PS as indicated in the Boundary motions passed by the Board.

If you are a North Headon Forest parent whose child was in grades 1-4 in French Immersion at CRB this past year and you would like to have your child continue at CRB rather than their current

designated school (e.g., FI – Clarksdale PS, English – Florence Meares), please notify CRB of your intentions. CRB will notify the prior designated school accordingly.

If you have any questions about your child's school placement for the 2012-13 school year, please contact Rob Eatough at 905-335-3665.

Sincerely,

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Director of Education

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Superintendent of Education