

Email to parents

Schools: MM Robinson, Nelson, LB Pearson, Robert Bateman, JW Boich, Alexander's, Orchard Park, CR Beaudoin, Florence Meares, Clarksdale, Rolling Meadows, Kilbride, B.T. Lindley, CH Norton

Topic: Update on the high school boundary review (Alton) – Wednesday, May 9

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

RE: Update on the high school boundary review in the Alton area

As you may be aware, a new high school is under construction in the Alton area of Burlington, at 3040 Tim Dobbie Drive and scheduled to open in September 2013. A number of Burlington high schools could be potentially impacted by the boundary review currently underway, these include: M.M. Robinson High School, Nelson High School, Lester B. Pearson High School and Robert Bateman High School.

Background

During the past several months, a Boundary Review Committee (BRC) established criteria to measure the effectiveness of boundary and program scenarios to best meet the needs of students in the affected areas. Membership on the BRC includes parents, trustees and Halton District School Board staff. On April 17th, a public information meeting was held to share the BRC's preferred boundary scenario. A process for gathering community input on this scenario was also shared. Public input was required by April 20th. The Boundary Review Steering Committee met on April 24th to review the community input and submit their final recommendation to the Director of Education.

Next Steps

As outlined in the Boundary Review timelines posted on the Halton District School Board website, the Director's report will be shared at the Board meeting on Wednesday, May 16th. This report will be published as part of the May 16th Board meeting agenda, which will be posted on Friday, May 11th. To view the Alton Boundary Review report go to the Halton District School Board website (www.hdsb.ca), under the section titled *Boardroom & Trustees* and linked under the "Board Agendas & Minutes" subsection.

Individual or groups wishing to make a presentation to the Trustees on this matter must follow the Delegation By-law, posted on the website under the section entitled

Boardroom & Trustees, and linked under the “Delegating the Board” subsection. Delegations will take place at the Wednesday, June 6th Board meeting.

Trustees are expected to make a decision concerning this report at the June 6th Board meeting. Immediately following this decision, all impacted schools and students will be informed of any school boundary or program changes, which will be effective September 2013.

For more information related to the high school boundary review in the Alton area, please visit the website at the link below:

<http://www.hdsb.ca/aboutus/Planning/Reviews/Pages/AltonSRA101HS.aspx>