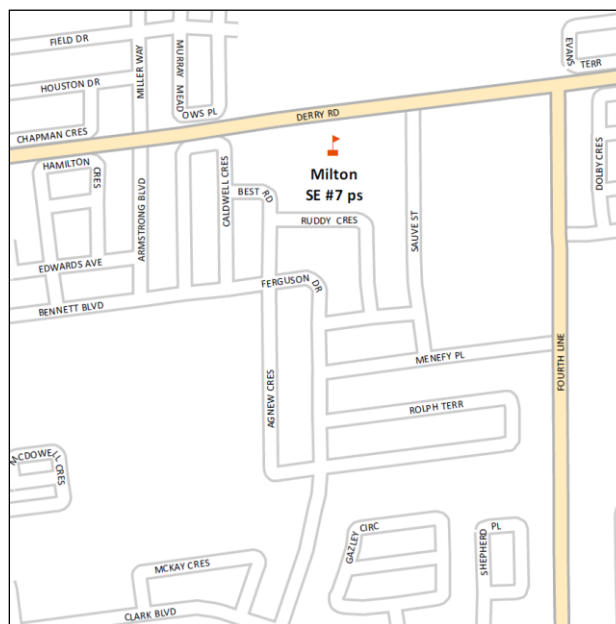


THE FACTS – Milton SE #7 ps

- The new Milton SW #7 elementary school (ERA 120) is planned to open in September 2013.
- The new school is located at 625 Sauve Street, south of Derry Road and West of Fourth Line.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Boundary Review process timeline?

The process was initiated in the fall of 2012. Ideally a final recommendation would be put forward to the Board of Trustees for their approval in March 2013.

Why use the Pipeline as a Boundary line?

The Pipeline was determined as a boundary for Milton #7 because it is a physical line of division within the Hawthorne Village area and redirects students closest to Milton #7 to Milton #7.

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.

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.

Transportation Questions?

Transportation Questions are to be directed to Halton Student Transportation Services at 1-888-803-8660 ext 255.

Where to find the Online Feedback Form?

[Click here](#) to fill out the online feedback survey, the survey must be completed by Wednesday January 23rd, 2013 by 12:00 pm for consideration.

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

Milton #7 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.

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 PARC's, 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.

Will Milton #7 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 and program offerings at the school.

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.

Will the new school offer full day every day kindergarten?

Full day JK/SK is being implemented gradually by the Ministry of Education, with full roll out by 2014. The start date is yet to be determined, but it is tentatively planned for September 2014. In the mean time, kindergarten programs will be delivered using the all day alternate day delivery model.

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](#).

How big will the school be?

The new elementary school is planned to open as a 740 pupil place school.

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 2013.

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.