



# Halton District School Board

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David Euale, *Director of Education*

Don Vrooman, *Chair of the Board*

January 18, 2012

Dear Ward 4 Parents and Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform parents and students of Abbey Lane, Pilgrim Wood, Heritage Glen, Emily Carr, Forest Trail, Palermo, West Oak and Captain R. Wilson public schools of a boundary review that will occur for their respective schools.

At the December 7, 2011 regular meeting of the HDSB, trustees approved a school boundary review process for all elementary schools in Ward 4 Oakville. There are enrolment pressures at some schools under the current school boundaries. The boundary review will address these enrolment pressures.

The purpose of the review is to examine options and recommend an implementation plan for September 2012 for the re-direction of some students in some of the above schools to better balance enrolment. It is also to establish boundaries for the above schools, by both residency and program.

A Boundary Review Committee (BRC) will be established with representatives of each school. Each school will have two parents/guardians on the committee, selected by their school parent council. The BRC will be Co-Chaired by Superintendent Odette Bartnicki and Trustee Kelly Amos. The members of the committee have a very important task, as they will make recommendations to the Boundary Review Steering Committee (BRSC).

In consideration of the input from the BRC the BRSC will provide a recommendation to the Director of Education.

The Director of Education will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision concerning these boundaries at a Board meeting in early spring 2012.

The dates for the BRC are:

Monday, January 30..... 7 – 9 p.m. at Abbey Park High School (library)  
Thursday, February 2..... 7 – 9 p.m. at Abbey Park High School (library)  
Monday, February 6..... 7 – 9 p.m. at Abbey Park High School (library)  
Thursday, February 9..... 7 – 9 p.m. at Abbey Park High School (library)  
Tuesday, February 21 ..... 7 – 9 p.m. at Abbey Park High School (library)

A public meeting on **Monday, February 13 from 7-9 p.m.** at Abbey Park High School (cafeteria) will provide an opportunity for the BRC to present boundary scenario(s) and invite public input.

The process for determining the parent representatives from each school will be decided upon by each of the school councils. The two selected parent representatives and their contact information are to be submitted to Katherine Olsen (905-335-3663, ext 3271 or alternately [olsenk@hdsb.ca](mailto:olsenk@hdsb.ca)), no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2012.

Updates on the process will be posted on the Board's websites. They will also be forwarded to Principals and School Council Chairs of the impacted schools.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact me at 905-335-3663, ext. 3385.

Sincerely,

Stuart Miller  
Superintendent of Education