

December 4, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to inform you that at a meeting of the Board on Wednesday, November 25, 2015, the Board of Trustees of the Toronto District School Board made decisions regarding the Program Area Review that was recently completed for the Sir John A. Macdonald Cluster of Schools.

There are many changes described below and I would like you to know that transition planning to carry out the changes has already begun with a team of Principals and Teachers. We are committed to supporting the students through the implementation of the recommendations. Some areas that we will be focusing on include:

- Helping students prepare for and make successful transitions;
- Celebrating graduations for all Grade 5 and Grade 6 as well as Grade 8 and Grade 9 students leaving their schools;
- Exploring child care possibilities for Grade 6 students at the middle schools; and
- Reviewing transportation needs and safety concerns.

In summary, the following decisions have been made:

1. Grade Changes:

- a. The junior elementary schools (Brian PS, Cherokee PS, Ernest PS, and Muirhead PS) will become JK to Grade 5 schools for September 2017. In June 2017, the Grade 5 and Grade 6 students will graduate.
- b. Pleasant View JHS will become a Grade 6 to 8 school for September 2017. In June 2017, the Grade 8 and Grade 9 students will graduate.
 - The school name will change to Pleasant View Middle School.
- c. Grade 9 students from Pleasant View JHS will move to Sir John A. Macdonald CI or L'Amoreaux CI depending on their home address for September 2017.

2. Shift in French Programs:

- a. The pathway from Brian PS will become Don Valley MS for Grades 6 to 8, Windfields JHS for Grade 9, and then York Mills CI for Grades 10 to 12 for September 2017. In June 2017, the Grade 5 and Grade 6 students will graduate.
- b. An additional guaranteed option will be provided to Don Valley MS French Immersion students to attend Newtonbrook SS for Grades 9 to 12 for September 2017.
- c. An Extended French Program will be created at Cherokee PS for September 2016 feeding to a new Extended French Program at Pleasant View MS beginning September 2018.
- d. A French Immersion Program will be created at Ernest PS for September 2017 feeding to Don Valley MS for Grades 6 to 8 (could begin in September 2016 if demand exceeds space availability in nearby schools during the 2015-2016 application process).

3. Change to the Brian PS, Ernest PS and Muirhead PS Junior Attendance Areas:

- a. The Brian PS, Ernest PS and Muirhead PS junior attendance areas will change and the Regular Program pathway will become Pleasant View MS and Sir John A. Macdonald CI or L'Amoreaux CI in the case of Ernest PS effective September 2016. All students who currently reside in the attendance areas for these schools and attend these schools as of the end of the 2015-2016 school year, and their siblings, will be allowed to remain at their current schools until they graduate.

If you would like more detailed information regarding the nature and timing of changes, a summary of the student accommodation and program plan for each school involved in the review can be found by going to: http://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/default/ARC_helpful_info_docs/SummaryOfStudentAccommodationPlanv3.pdf

I would like to thank all of the parents, guardians and community members who dedicated their valuable time to participate in this review process. The decisions reflect the input that we received.

Again, please be assured that students will be supported through the transition process so they can continue to be successful. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your child, please contact the school Principal. If you have any questions about the process, please contact me at 416-396-9180 or at beth.veale@tdsb.on.ca.

Regards,



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