March 18, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

At a Board meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, the Board of Trustees of the Toronto District School Board made a decision regarding the Pupil Accommodation Review involving Albion Heights Junior Middle School, Elmbank Junior Middle Academy, Greenholme Junior Middle School, Humberwood Downs Junior Middle Academy and Melody Village Junior School.

The Board approved the following recommendations:

1. That the attendance area for Albion Heights JMS be expanded (as shown in Appendix A) to include the current Elmbank JMA attendance area west of Highway #27 effective 1 September 2014;
2. That students impacted by the boundary change who would like to continue attending Elmbank JMA be allowed to remain at the school until graduation;
3. That students who live in new development areas that were previously redirected to Greenholme JMS be redirected to Albion Heights JMS;
4. That students impacted by recommendation #3 be allowed to remain at the school until graduation;
5. That the attendance area for Elmbank JMA be expanded (as shown in Appendix A) to include the entirety of the current Melody Village JS junior attendance area effective 1 September 2016;
6. That Melody Village JS become a SK to Grade 8 French Immersion Centre to serve the FSL needs of the Northwest Etobicoke family of schools through a phase-in of French Immersion beginning in September 2014 with SK and adding an additional grade each year up to Grade 8 in September 2022;
7. That staff will investigate the feasibility of a new First Nations Elementary Native Language Program begin at Elmbank JMA with a pathway to West Humber CI;
8. That the Melody Village JS Regular track be phased out by ceasing to accept JK registrants in September 2016 and reducing the grades each year until June 2022 when the last Grade 5 cohort graduates; and
9. That the name change process, as outlined in P047, be initiated in order to determine a school name to reflect the SK-Grade 8 configuration and the French Language Centre at Melody Village JS.

Please note that a copy of Appendix A that is cited in the recommendation #1 can be found on page three of this letter.

The Board’s decision is consistent with the recommendations made by the Pupil Accommodation Review Committee and staff. More information about next steps will be communicated once details become available.

I understand that you may have questions about these changes. Please be sure to bring your questions forward and rest assured that they will be responded to as quickly as possible. If you have specific questions about your child, please contact your school Principal.
I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this process for your commitment to our students. If you have any questions about the process, please contact me at maryjane.mcnamara@tdsb.on.ca or at 416-394-2036.

Sincerely,

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This document contains important information. Please take it to someone who can read English or to your School Office so that they can arrange for an interpreter or translation.
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Albion Heights JMS, Elmbank JMA, Greenholme JMS, Humberwood Downs JMA and Melody Village JS
Existing and Proposed Junior and Intermediate Attendance Areas

Legend:
- Elementary School
- Secondary School
- Proposed Junior & Intermediate Attendance Area
- Major Road
- Railway
- Utilityline
- Waterway

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