



November 15, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may know, the Yonge-Eglinton Phase 2 Program Area Review Team (PART) was established in early 2019 to discuss potential solutions to the accommodation pressures facing a number of local elementary schools.

The review was paused in April 2019 after changes were announced by the province affecting secondary school class sizes and funding. In particular, the changes to class sizes have the potential to increase the amount of space available in secondary schools.

Staff required additional time to review these changes, specifically to consider whether or not local secondary schools could provide opportunities to address long-term accommodation pressures impacting elementary schools.

Additionally, the TDSB is currently undertaking a system-wide review of secondary schools and programs. A system review of French programming was recently completed, and staff are currently working towards implementing the approved recommendations. Recognizing that these reviews could have significant implications on schools right across the City, the original PART process is not able to be re-engaged.

Moving forward, staff will be exploring a broader and more diverse range of options to address student accommodation in the Yonge-Eglinton area. This work will continue through the course of the 2019-20 school year. A new Program Area Review Team will be initiated at the appropriate time.

Recognizing that accommodation challenges continue to exist, specifically at Eglinton Jr PS, actions have and will continue to be taken to ensure that enrolment growth is mitigated at the school.

For example, the Board of Trustees approved a boundary change between Eglinton Jr PS, Hodgson MS, and Northlea E & MS in June 2019. Also, new residential developments within the attendance area of Eglinton Jr PS are being redirected to schools outside of the area with sufficient capacity available. There are presently nine developments redirected to Whitney Jr. PS, with one more on the way, and an additional four developments to Rippleton PS (subject to Board approval at the end of the month).

Please note the revised Long-Term Program and Accommodation Plan 2019-2028 (LTPAS) was presented to the Board's Committee of the Whole on November 13, 2019, and will proceed to the Regular Board meeting for final approval on November 27.

The continuation of staff's work and the conclusion of the previous PART process is reflected in the LTPAS as found below:

New Program Study - Explore a review of existing and projected accommodation pressure in the Yonge-Eglinton community. This review will examine a range of accommodation solutions that consider the availability of physical space within local elementary and secondary schools as well as leased properties such as the Bannockburn building.

Note that the Program Area Review Team (PART) process that was established and later paused in the spring of 2019 will not be re-engaged. The scope of the Yonge-Eglinton review will be expanded to explore a broader and more diverse range of options for the accommodation of students over the long term. This work will proceed at the staff level through the 2019-20 school year which will be followed by a new Program Area Review Team at the appropriate time.

You can find a copy of the full report here:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20191113&Filename=6.2.pdf>

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