



LEARNING CENTRE 2

5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M2N 5N8

December 22, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Elkhorn PS, Finch PS, Hollywood PS, and McKee PS:

I would like to share information about an ongoing Program Area Review involving Avondale PS, Avondale Elementary Alternative School, Bayview MS, Crestview PS and Woodbine MS.

A Program Area Review is a process that the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) follows when considering changes to a school or group of schools.

As you know, the Willowdale community is experiencing significant residential development and population changes that have resulted in enrolment growth at local schools.

Over the past twenty years, the TDSB has managed enrolment growth by changing school boundaries, moving programs, building additions and a new school, and by sending students to schools outside the local community. Despite these efforts, enrolment continues to grow at Avondale PS and portables are now being used. The school does not have space to manage future growth.

A TDSB team including local Trustees, Superintendents, Principals, and central staff was formed to look at options to reduce enrolment pressures at Avondale PS. The team developed and considered many options to address the pressure. Staff is recommending that Avondale Elementary Alternative School be relocated to Bayview MS. Staff considers Bayview MS to be the most viable solution due to its location and availability of space. This option also includes giving students in Grades 6-8, who have been redirected to Woodbine MS, an opportunity to return to Bayview MS.

As parents of students who attend Elkhorn PS, Finch PS, Hollywood PS, and McKee PS that graduate to Bayview MS for Grade 6, we wish to inform you of our work. It is possible that Bayview MS will have a larger enrolment because of the Woodbine students returning, and the addition of the relocated Avondale Elementary Alternative School.

A Program Area Review Team (PART) has been formed to share this option with the school communities and collect feedback. The PART includes

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver representatives from the schools involved, Principals, Superintendents, the local Trustees and central staff. Representation from your schools will be included in the PART.

The role of the PART is to give feedback about the proposed option and to share information with the impacted school communities. The PART members may also develop different options for consideration.

The PART process includes a public meeting for community input. An invitation will be sent before the meeting. Information will be shared on the TDSB website under <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Accommodation-Reviews>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent for your school.

Sincerely,



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