

1. Question

Other than moving young school children destined to attend Palermo across the entire ward 4, apart from adding more portables what other EFT relief options were considered?

Answer

Please review the Ward 4 website. There you will see a number of options investigated in the Ward 4 Program and Accommodation study.

2. Question

Considering that Palermo will be a dual-track school, and in view of the decision to grandfather EFT schoolchildren with older siblings attending EFT, why is the same explicit consideration not being extended to JK/SK school children with older siblings destined to attend Palermo, so they too attend the same school as their older siblings in the 2009/2010 school year as would be the case at a dual-track school?

Answer

Parents of Kindergarten are not required to make the decision about French Immersion or English Track programming until midway through the Senior Kindergarten year. Thus, Kindergarten children attend their home school. In addition, throughout the Ward 4 Program and Accommodation Review, parents repeatedly told us they wished moves to be minimized so Kindergarten children attend their home school.

3. Question

Will the Optional Attendance Form (OAF) have to be reviewed yearly for acceptance or is the 1.6km distance the determination for entrance into Ecole Forest Trail?

Answer

Yes, Optional Attendance is reviewed on a yearly basis. Parents will need to follow the Optional Attendance Policy as it is posted on the Halton DSB website.

4. Question

My little girl is currently in Grade 2 at Ecole Forest Trail and my two sons are due to attend Grade One at Ecole Forest Trail in the year 2010 and 2011 respectively, again will the form need to be filled in and reviewed or since I live within the 1.6 km boundary the children will automatically be enrolled at Ecole Forest Trail?

Answer

Yes, you are required to request Optional Attendance for each of your children.

5. Question

Will all three of my children be able to finish Grades 1-8 in this school or is there a timeline on this Optional Attendance Program? If there is a timeline on this please indicate the year that it will cease.

Answer

The Optional Attendance policy requires parents to request Optional Attendance on a yearly basis. Your children should be able to complete Grade 8 at Forest Trail as long as you renew your request annually.

6. Question

There will be busses provided for students in Grades 4-8 that live West of Third Line, should there be room available, is my child able to take the bus?

Answer

You would have to apply for "empty seat" through the school.

7. Question

I care for two children that live just outside the 1.6km, are they able to apply for Optional Attendance since I care for the children and live 1.6 km or less, or do they need to follow the boundaries set and find a new daycare provider? .

Answer

No, those children would not be eligible to attend Ecole Forest Trail as their residence is not within the 1.6 km walk distance and Optional Attendance is provided only to students who reside within that 1.6 walk boundary.

8. Question

Why are there some areas on the map under "optional attendance" that are included but are actually 1.8 km away from school (ex. Shady Glen Rd. or Glenhampton). Why is this?

Answer

Utilizing a Geographic Information System and verified by Halton Student Transportation Services, the walk distance is measured utilizing existing streets and roads. In terms of Shady Glen Road, that area is located outside the 1.6 km walk distance and is not eligible for Optional Attendance to Ecole Forest Trail. In terms of Glenhampton, the area west of Postmaster Drive is not eligible for Optional Attendance to Ecole Forest Trail.

9. Question

We live only 1.4 km away from Ecole Forest Trail and the boundary cut off for the 1.6 distance is Postmaster Drive. Why are we not included?

Answer

The walk distance is measured utilizing existing streets and roads. If you have questions as to your walk distance please contact the Planning Department at 905 335-3663.

10. Question

What are the school hours for Lorne Skuce going to be?

Answer

Halton Student Transportation Services will be reviewing school hours over the next several weeks as part of its annual review of school hours for all schools in Halton. It is expected that school hours will be confirmed by end of May/ early June 2009.

11. Question

My child is currently in Grade 5 at Ecole Forest Trail. Will we be required to complete any forms to continue at the school? Also will my child continue to be provided transportation to the school?

Answer

No forms will be required to be completed to continue at Ecole Forest Trail. Transportation will continue to be provided based on the Board's Transportation Policies.

12. Question

The French Immersion Program at Palermo Public School in 2010 is to be offered in Grades 1 to 4. What happens in future years?

Answer

The school's French Immersion Program will expand by one grade each subsequent year. In 2011/2012 the FI program will be offered from Grades 1 to 5; in 2012/2013 it will be offered from Grades 1 to 6; in 2013/2014 it will be offered from Grades 1 to 7; and in 2014/2015 it will be offered from Grades 1 to 8.

13. Question

My child currently attends Emily Carr Public School. However, the boundary map indicates that my residence is within the Captain R. Wilson Public School boundary. Can my child remain at Emily Carr Public School? Also I have a younger child entering JK in September 2009, will she/he be able to attend Emily Carr Public School?

Answer

The Board approved motion allows those students residing within the area that will be part of Captain R. Wilson Public School boundary in September 2009, to be grandfathered to remain at Emily Carr Public School. Also the younger siblings of the Emily Carr Public School students would also be grandfathered to attend Emily Carr Public School.

14. Question

I received a letter today saying that there will be boundary changes for several schools in Ward 4 as a result of the passing of M09-0108. At that meeting, and in subsequent announcements, it was my understanding that a portion of north Ward 4, which had not been constructed, would be zoned for Pilgrim Wood. In the letter I received today from the HDSB there is no reference to that. Has that been shelved?

Answer

The portion of the community that you are referring to has been redirected to Captain R Wilson Elementary School. All present Emily Carr students and their siblings will be grand parented to remain at Emily Car Elementary School.