

January 11, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

## **RE: Alton Elementary Boundary Review Update**

As you may be aware, a new elementary school is under construction in the Alton area of Burlington, at 3290 Steeplechase Drive. This school is scheduled to open in September 2012. Parents/guardians of students attending Clarksdale, Rolling Meadows, CH Norton, Charles R. Beaudoin, Florence Meares and Orchard Park Public Schools were notified in October that a boundary review process had begun.

### Background

During the past several months, a Boundary Review Committee (BRC) established criteria to measure the effectiveness of boundary and program scenarios to best meet the needs of the students in the affected areas. Membership on the BRC included parents, trustees and Board staff. On December 6, 2011, a public information meeting was held to share the BRC's preferred boundary scenarios. A process for gathering community input on the scenarios was also shared. Public input was required by December 9, 2011. The BRC met in mid-December to review the community input and submit their final recommendations to the Boundary Review Steering Committee (BRSC) for consideration. The BRSC reviewed these preferred options and forwarded their recommendations to the Director of Education prior to the Christmas break.

### Next Steps

As outlined in the Boundary Review Timelines posted on the Board's website, the Director's report will be shared for information at the Board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. This report will be published as part of the January 18 Board meeting agenda package. The package will be posted the afternoon of Friday, January 13, 2012 on the Halton District School Board website ([www.hdsb.ca](http://www.hdsb.ca)), under the section entitled *Boardroom & Trustees* and linked under the "Board Agendas & Minutes" subsection.

Those wishing to delegate the Board on this matter must follow the Board Bylaws on delegations, as posted on the Halton District School Board website under the section entitled *Boardroom & Trustees* and linked under the "Delegating the Board" subsection. Delegations will be heard at the February 1, 2012 Board meeting; however if there are more than six delegation requests, a special delegation evening may be scheduled for Tuesday, January 31.

Trustees are expected to make a decision concerning this report at the Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 1. Immediately following, all affected schools and students will be informed of any school boundary or program changes, which will be effective September 2012.

For more information related to the Alton Boundary Review, please visit the website at the link below:

<http://www.hdsb.ca/aboutus/Planning/Reviews/Pages/ERA109AltonES.aspx>