To be sent by School Messenger on: February 26, 2024

The following letter will be emailed to all parents and principals at the following schools:

- Maplehurst PS FI
- Aldershot Elementary

Feb. 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Update on Aldershot French Immersion Boundary Review 7 & 8

Dear parent/guardian,

As previously shared, the Halton District School Board has initiated a boundary review for **the Grade 7 and 8 Aldershot French Immersion program**. We would like to provide you with an update on the progress of this boundary review, as **the outcome may result in your child(ren) moving schools.**

A Boundary Review Steering Committee has been established and is composed of trustees, HDSB senior staff, and Planning Department staff. In accordance with the HDSB's <u>School Boundary Review</u> administrative procedure, the boundary review process will proceed by establishing a *Pathway #2 Boundary Review: Informing the Community*. This pathway exists for unique circumstances when there are limited possible boundary options to review and a lesser impact on school communities as a result of the contemplated boundary changes. Additionally, preliminary community consultation occurred in January 2024 through an online survey of French Immersion Grade 6 and 7 students.

Recommendation

After discussions, the Boundary Review Steering Committee and senior staff will be recommending Option 1 for the following reasons:

- Reduces the number of moves by French Immersion students in the Aldershot area
- Current enrolment projections indicate the French Immersion program is sustainable at one location (Aldershot HS or Burlington Central HS)
- Minimum impact on students

Next Steps

The Boundary Review Steering Committee's recommendation will be provided in a report from the HDSB Facility Services and Planning Department to the Board of

Trustees for a decision on March 6, 2024, which will be available online on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Members of the public wishing to make a presentation/delegation to the Board of Trustees may do so at the March 6 Board meeting and are requested to follow the process outlined in the <u>Delegation Procedure</u>. *The delegation deadline is March 4,* 2024.

Further information will be shared with families through SchoolMessenger and the HDSB website. We encourage parents/guardians to stay informed by visiting our <u>dedicated</u>
<u>boundary review webpage</u> for additional information and background on the process
undertaken to date.

If you have questions about this boundary review, please email plan@hdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

Halton District School Board