

Email to parents

Schools: Pineland PS

Topic: Extension to Phase-Out of Kindergarten at Pineland PS

Send out: Tuesday, February 17th (7:00 PM)

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This message is being sent to advise you that Pineland PS will not be offering a Junior Kindergarten (JK) program during the 2015-16 school year, as an insufficient number of students registered for the program by the established deadline.

As communicated previously, the Halton District School Board (HDSB) approved new school boundaries for Pineland which establishes it as a single-track French Immersion school by 2020. The Board has also determined a phase-out plan for the Kindergarten and English programs. However, at the December 17th meeting of the HDSB, Trustees approved a motion to consider a possible one year extension to the phase-out of the Kindergarten program at Pineland PS.

The motion reads:

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the proposed phase-out of the FDK program at Pineland Public School with a one year addition to the current model; and THAT a minimum of 15 students register for the JK program by February 15, 2015, with these students coming from the current English catchment area, with equal opportunity for students to register at Mohawk Gardens Public School, rather than being restricted to Pineland Public School.

Given that there are insufficient registrations for JK, Pineland will not be delaying the phase-out of the Kindergarten program. All approved boundary changes will take effect as of September 2015. New Kindergarten students will be directed to Mohawk Gardens PS beginning in September 2015. Those who had previously registered to attend Pineland for JK in 2015-16 will be contacted and advised of next steps.

Confirmed Changes to School Boundaries for Pineland PS

Effective September 2015, Pineland Public School begins transition to a Gr. 1-8 French Immersion School. Trustees approved motion M14-0217, establishes the boundaries for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

English Boundary JK-8:

The English program will not be offered and will be gradually removed one grade at a time starting with JK and Grade 3 in 2015.

FI Boundary 1 - 8: No Change

Program Availability

Yes = Grade is available

N/A = No Grade available

Year	ENGLISH JK -8										FRENCH IM	
	JK	SK	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr.6	Gr.7	Gr. 8	French Immersion Gr. 1-8	
2014	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2015	N/A	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2018	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES
2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES
2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES

For further information, please see link below:

<http://www.hdsb.ca/aboutus/Planning/Reviews/Pages/ERA103BoundaryReview2014.aspx>