

Jan. 9, 2019

Dear [insert school name] families,

As you may know, in January 2017, the Board of Trustees approved a Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) to close Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School and move its Vocational and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) programs to Glenforest Secondary School. In order to accommodate these programs, construction was scheduled to begin during the summer of 2017. As with many construction projects, we have experienced delays beyond our control.

With these delays, students in the Vocational and/or ASD programs are currently being accommodated at Glenforest South, formerly Gordon Graydon Memorial, for the 2018-19 school year. In November 2018, an information session was held for Glenforest South families to provide families with an update on the PAR process, construction and potential impacts on the programs. Throughout this process, we have tried to keep the best interests of students, families and staff as our top priority, and hearing from families helped with that.

It will not be possible to complete the improvements, prior to the start of the 2019-20 school year, which required Peel board staff to look at alternate options.

Last night, Peel board trustees approved a staff recommendation to direct all in-coming grade 9 students in the vocational and ASD programs to West Credit Secondary School effective September 2019. As a result of the move, students will be provided with busing in accordance to the board's Transportation Policy #39.

To ease the transition, an information session and tours of West Credit will be held in the spring. Additionally, your current school's guidance counsellor will continue to support your child's transition to secondary school.

If you have any questions, please contact your school principal, or reach me directly at 905-366-8800.

Sincerely,

Paul da Silva
Superintendent of Education

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