

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Dear Glenforest South families,

I am writing to provide an important update on the Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) and how it affects where your teen will attend school for the 2019-20 school year. As you know, in November 2018, we held an information session in order to provide updates on construction and how these were affecting programming. We also discussed alternatives and sought your feedback.

As part of our commitment to keep families informed and updated, we wanted to share information on a staff recommendation that will go to the Board of Trustees on Feb. 12, 2019 to amend the recommendation approved on Jan. 8, 2019. Peel board trustees, at that time, approved a staff recommendation to redirect all in-coming grade 9 students in the Vocational and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) programs to West Credit Secondary School effective September 2019 and provide an option for current students attending Glenforest South to remain as Glenforest South students or attend West Credit.

Throughout this process, we have tried to keep the best interests of students, families and staff as our top priority. After families had made their choices through the course selection planning process, and an insufficient number of families have selected to remain at Glenforest South, it became clear that it is not possible to offer a viable Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Vocational 1 and Vocational 2 program pathway at Glenforest South.

Each family will be contacted by school staff to review their teen's course options for the 2019-20 school year before the end of February. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Keeley, vice-principal, at 905-274-2391 or myself at 905-366-8800.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Education

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