

Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) update: January 2018

On Jan. 10, Peel District School Board staff met with School Council Chairs and administrators of all schools impacted by the upcoming closure of Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School. The meeting's purpose was to provide updates on the ongoing transition planning at each school, and to address concerns and questions from school reps.

At the meeting, the following updates were discussed:

Activities to help ensure a smooth transition for current Gordon Graydon students:

- Over the last few months, Gordon Graydon students who will be moving to TL Kennedy Secondary School for the International Business and Technology and Graphic and Design Management programs had the opportunity to visit the school on multiple occasions to get accustomed to the building, staff, classes and extracurricular programs.
- Glenforest Secondary School is currently exploring similar activities to help Gordon Graydon students in the Vocational and ASD programs transition to Glenforest. A Glenforest staff member has been assigned to help this transition, and will be working with current Gordon Graydon staff to help build the Vocational program at Glenforest.

Construction at Glenforest

- As communicated in a letter to families in Sept. 21, construction at Glenforest has been delayed until Summer 2018 and is now scheduled to be completed by September 2019—one year later than expected. A more comprehensive update will be provided by the project manager next month.

Transition Planning Committee

- To ensure a smooth transition for all impacted students and their families, the board will implement a Transition Planning Committee, consisting of School Council Chairs, administrators, as well as one parent and teaching rep from each impacted school. The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss updates and considerations for staffing, programming, construction and school climate/spirit at each school location.

Regular communication to school communities

- We are committed to providing you with regular, clear communication during this transition. Following each monthly Transition Committee Meeting, a summary of the meeting will be posted on your teen's school website as well as **www.peelschools.org/PAR**. To receive email updates, please ensure you are **subscribed** to your child's school website.

If you have any questions, please speak with your principal or email **par@peelsb.com**.