

Information on the OCDSB East End Accommodation Review:

The OCDSB is currently undergoing an Eastern Secondary Area Pupil Accommodation Review. The focus of this review is centered on the three high schools in our area: Rideau, Gloucester and Colonel By. Specifically the proposal being considered is this:

- Rideau High School is to be closed and its pupils relocated to Gloucester High School
- Colonel By High School will remain as it is with no proposed changes to the IB program
- There will be no changes to either the regular or IB catchment areas for Colonel By for the 2017 year
- It is recommended that a new IB program open up in the west end for the 2018 school year. At this time, there will be new catchment areas defined for the Colonel By IB program only.

As part of the process, HMMS has been invited to appoint a representative to an advisory committee for this review. The OCDSB is looking to this advisory committee to offer advice on implementation issues with the transition plan, including boundaries, enrolment and bussing. In addition, at the end of the process, the advisory committee will be asked whether or not they recommend that the proposal proceed. In order to complete these tasks, the OCDSB has given the advisory committee a mandate to share as much information as possible between the parent community and the OCDSB regarding the proposal.

As the appointed committee member representing HMMS I invite anyone to contact me with any comments or concerns regarding this review. All inquiries will be forwarded to the OCDSB for discussion at the two advisory council meetings, November 9th and December 6th.

There are also a number of other ways to obtain and offer information regarding this review: Through the OCDSB website, via surveys (ThoughtExchange) and through public meetings. The schedule and information surrounding this review is well publicized and can be found on the website at the following address: <http://www.ocdsb.ca/sch/as/Multi-Year%20Student%20Learning%20and%20Pupil%20Accommodation%20Planning/eastern/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you
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