



September 28, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may know, the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board has approved the establishment of a joint Board/community accommodation review committee to consider the future of Armour Heights Public School and King George Public School.

This committee will hold a number of public meetings to discuss the student accommodation needs at these schools. Throughout this process, the review committee will share information from the community that will inform the final administrative recommendations on the future of the schools.

In its initial report to the Board, administration is recommending that the students be consolidated within a single facility at the King George site. This new school would be either a refurbished King George PS building with an environmentally friendly addition, or a newly constructed school. This consolidation of students would be tentatively scheduled to begin in the 2017-2018 school year.

At the conclusion of the Accommodation Review process, the Board of Trustees will consider administration's final recommendations before making any decision on the future of the schools. This is expected in February or March of 2016.

The Board, and the Armour Heights Public School and King George Public School Accommodation Review Committee, invites parents and community members to attend, and to make presentations at committee meetings, beginning:

Thursday, November 12, 2015 (6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Armour Heights PS)

In addition to these public input meetings, the committee will also hold working group meetings. Although these meetings will be open to the public to attend, they will be for committee work and discussion only.

School board administration has the responsibility to annually bring to the attention of Board Trustees schools which, for a number of reasons, may be reviewed for possible closure. KPR schools may be considered for review on the basis of a number of key criteria, including: Program Viability, Overcrowding, Operating/Maintenance Costs, and Underutilization.

We thought it important to share with you the accompanying information, in a Question and Answer format, regarding the review process and what it means for these two schools.

Should you have any further questions please be sure to contact your Principal or board administration. For the most up-to-date news on these school reviews, visit the special Armour Heights Public School and King George Public School: Pupil Accommodation Review section on the front page of the Board's website: www.kprschools.ca.

We will continue to keep you informed as we move forward with these important student accommodation discussions.

Sincerely,

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