

New Half Moon Bay ES Working Group Update (September 2016 Opening)

Good news, the construction of the new school facility located at 3523 River Run Avenue (northwest corner of River Run Avenue and Riverboat Heights) began this summer.

As you aware good progress was made during the three working group meetings held last spring. As mentioned at the last meeting, over the summer, staff was to work on refining an accommodation plan to be presented to parents at an upcoming public consultation meeting.

Below is a summary of the proposed plan.

- The new school would be a dual-track English and Early French Immersion Program school serving students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. The attendance area for the new school would include all of the Half Moon Bay Community and the Stonebridge West neighbourhood (west of Jockvale Road).
- For September 2016, the new school would open with a JK-5 grade structure. The school would progress to a JK-6 structure for the following year (2017-2018). Students of the new school would be feed to Cedarview Middle School for Grades 7-8 and John McCrae Secondary School for Grades 9-12.
- The new school will offer an Extended Day Program.
- For September 2016, grade structures at Barrhaven Public School, Chapman Mills Public School, Jockvale Elementary School, and Mary Honeywell Elementary School would be expanded to Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. This would result in uniform JK-6 grade structures for all elementary schools serving students in South Nepean.
- For September 2016, the above would result in a 7 and 8 grade structure at Cedarview Middle School which would alleviate current and future accommodation pressures.
- For September 2016, in order to better balance enrolments and alleviate significant accommodation pressures at Mary Honeywell Elementary School in the future, portions of the school's current attendance boundary would be redirected to other area schools.
 - Redirect new students from the area west of Cedarview Road and north of Maravista Drive to Barrhaven Public School.
 - Redirect new students residing in the Barrhaven Mews and Clarke Fields area to Jockvale Elementary School.

- Redirect new students in the South Nepean Town Centre area west of Greenbank Road to Jockvale Elementary School.
- Redirect new students in the South Nepean Town Centre area east of Greenbank Road to Chapman Mills Public School.

In all of the above redirections existing students (2015-2016) would be permitted to remain at their current school (Mary Honeywell). Only the area north of Maravista Drive contains a significant number of students – other areas are in various stages of development and will not see larger populations for a few years.

- For September 2016, a second Middle French Immersion Program site would be introduced in South Nepean, to be located at Barrhaven Public School and feeding to Cedarview Middle School. This new program would begin with grade 4 and add a grade a year thereafter.
 - The feeder schools for the new MFI program would be Barrhaven Public School, Jockvale Elementary School, Mary Honeywell Elementary School and the new Half Moon Bay elementary school.
 - Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School, Berrigan Public School, Chapman Mills Public School and Farley Mowat Public School students would continue to feed into the MFI program located at Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School.
- Discussions on the best plan for the accommodation of the Gifted English program & Autism program classes at Cedarview Middle School are on-going between Planning and Learning Support Services staff.

A Public Consultation Meeting to receive community input regarding the study and resulting proposed plan is tentatively scheduled to take place in late October 2015. Final decisions for the study are scheduled to be made by Board in December 2015.

We will provide working group members with more details regarding the above as soon as they are confirmed.