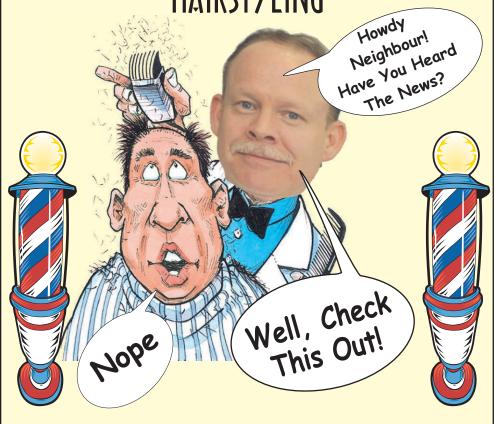
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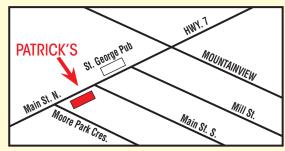
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## 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE ACTON SCHOOL BOUNDARY REVIEW

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It's the question weighing on local parents' minds
— will my children be attending Acton District High
School starting in grade 7?

The Halton District School Board has put forth a proposal to move the grade 7 and 8 program from McKenzie-Smith Bennett to ADHS. MSB and the board's other elementary school in Acton, Robert Little, would become kindergarten to grade 6 facilities.

A total of 38 responses were recently received from local parents through a feedback form on the board's website, with 18 indicating they're in support of maintaining the status quo, 10 in favour of the proposed change, and 10 needing further information before they decide.

As the evaluation process nears completion, here are five things you need to know about the boundary review:

1. A final decision hasn't been made yet. The Boundary Review Committee held its last meeting Jan. 28 and will now forward its recommendation to proceed with the changes to the board's larger Boundary Review Steering Committee (BRSC).

2. The BRSC will then make a recommendation to Director of Education Stuart Miller, who is tasked with making the final recommendation to the board of trustees.

3. A report from Miller will go before the board at its Feb. 19 meeting for information purposes. The trustees will vote to make a final decision on the matter during their March 4 meeting.

4. If ultimately approved, the changes would take effect at ADHS and MSB in September 2021, and at Robert Little this coming September. An integration committee would be formed to work out the day-to-day logistics, such as schedule timing for the grade 7 and 8s that's different than the secondary students at ADHS to keep a certain level of separation between the two student bodies.

5. Local parents can register to delegate at both the Feb. 19 and March 4 meetings and share their position with the board before the trustees vote. Instructions on how to register, and further details on the boundary review, can be found at hdsb.ca.



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