

Message to Families

Subject: Clara Hughes PS – Boundary Changes

Distribution: Clara Hughes PS, Village Union PS

Date: February 22, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to follow up on the boundary change consultation that took place over the last couple of months. Last night, the DDSB Board of Trustees approved staff recommended changes for Clara Hughes PS boundary area that will take effect in September 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

The approved boundary changes will result in the establishment of a revised boundary between Clara Hughes Public School and Village Union Public School. For the 2023-2024 school year, all JK to Grade 7 students residing north of Olive Avenue and west of Central Park Boulevard South will attend Village Union PS instead of Clara Hughes PS.

Students entering Grade 8 at Clara Hughes PS for the 2023-2024 school year will have the option of staying at Clara Hughes PS and graduating with their peers or attending Village Union PS for their graduating year. The families of students entering Grade 8 at Clara Hughes PS that reside north of Olive Avenue and west of Central Park Boulevard South will be receiving a separate e-mail with instructions on how to inform us of this.

This boundary change over a four-year projection period should result in enrolment at Clara Hughes PS to approximately 680 students compared to the current 915 students. The school utilization is projected to decrease from the existing 187% to 138% in September 2023 and then decreasing again to 129% by 2026. This will result in a reduction in portable usage from the current 15 on site to six by the 2026 school year.

Click [here](#) to see the updated Boundary map for Clara Hughes PS and Village Union PS. If you would like to read the final report that went to the Board of Trustees with the approved recommendation, please click [here](#).

As principals from Clara Hughes PS and Village Union PS, we will work together with our School Community Councils (SCC) to help manage this change. The DDSB will also provide supports for the mental health and well-being of students and their caregivers who may be affected by these changes.

Over the four-year projection period, the enrolment at Village Union PS will likely increase from the current 359 to 654 students for September 2023. An internal renovation of the school will result in sufficient classroom accommodation for the increased enrolment.

More information on the transition process will be shared with families and students as it becomes available. We are committed to successfully supporting students during this transition and thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Principal Name

Principal

School Name