February 8, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may know, West Gate Public School has grown significantly in enrolment. At one point in this 2018-2019 school year, West Gate had over 700 students attending the school. There was a large influx of approximately 75 students over the summer. As a result, two more portables were added for a total of eight. In light of the over-capacity, the Greater Essex County District School Board Senior Administration will be adjusting the north eastern portion of the boundary effective February 18, 2019.

It must be noted that this decision was necessary due to the over capacity of the student population at West Gate Public School. We are at a point where West Gate may not have the ability to accommodate any more students as it continues to grow.

Effective February 18, 2019, the following boundary adjustment will take place as outlined below:

All JK age students, as of September 2019, living in the following boundary area: north of Wyandotte Street (including Wyandotte); east of Cameron Avenue (not including Cameron); south of the Detroit River; and west of Caron Avenue will now be directed to Dougall Public School.

Any new JK-8 students moving into this catchment area will be directed to attend Dougall Public School.

All students currently attending West Gate Public School may continue to attend West Gate Public School until graduation, if their home address remains the same; however, transportation will not be provided.

A Community Information meeting will be held at Dougall Public School, 811 Dougall Avenue, Windsor, to explain the rationale behind the decision to adjust the West Gate Public School boundary. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. This Community Information meeting will afford individuals an opportunity to provide their voice and ask any questions they may have with Board Administration present to provide a response.

We appreciate that deciding which school to register your child at is a decision that takes much time and thought. We look forward to continuing to provide an engaging program for ALL of the students and families at West Gate Public School and Dougall Public School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Superintendent Todd Awender at 519-255-3200.

Sincerely,

Todd Awender
Superintendent of Education: Accommodations