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Dear Elementary School Families – Port Hope High School

As you know, we continue to experience increased enrolment pressures within the family of elementary schools that connect to Port Hope High School. Specifically, we have significant challenges in housing the number of expected students at Ganaraska Trail Public School (PS).

As part of our efforts to manage this issue on an ongoing basis, we began a consultation process last December with families to review and seek input on possible approaches to student accommodation within these schools.

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We would like to thank all the families and community members who lent their voice, either in-person or online, throughout our recent consultation meetings. We appreciate that these are difficult choices to make for our students, and we will continue to work toward long-term solutions.

I am writing today to share that, at last evening's Regular Meeting of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, the Board approved the creation of a second French Immersion program in the area, to be established at Beatrice Strong Public School, effective September 2024.

For the upcoming school year, administration will be exploring using all available space at Ganaraska Trail PS for classrooms, and the possibility of an additional portable at the school. To further manage enrolment at Ganaraska Trail PS in the short-term, the school will not be accepting out of boundary students.

We thank everyone again for their collaborative engagement throughout the consultation process and believe we have arrived at a positive course of action that values the input we've received, and meets our broad goals of accommodating the students in the community now and into the future.

We appreciate your engagement in public education and your continued support of our school communities.

Sincerely,

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