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## **Board Decisions on Severn Avenue Public School**

I wanted to share some important information about changes coming to Severn Avenue Public School. These changes are the result of decisions from the recent Western Area Accommodation Review. More information about the review and the decisions is available on the [district website](#).

### **Severn Avenue Changes from English with Core French to Early French Immersion**

Starting in September 2017, Severn Avenue Public School will convert from a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 English with Core French school to an Early French Immersion program school. Severn will offer a JK to Grade 3 French Immersion Program which will expand by one grade per year until it is a JK to Grade 6 school.

### **Current Students Relocate to Either Pinecrest or D. Roy Kennedy**

Current Severn Avenue Public School students will move to either Pinecrest Public School or D. Roy Kennedy Public School. Students who live in the current Severn Avenue attendance boundary north of Carling Avenue are redirected to D. Roy Kennedy Public School for September 2017. Students who live south of Carling Avenue in the current Severn Avenue attendance boundary are redirected to Pinecrest Public School for September 2017.

In order to provide students with the option of staying together with classmates, students who live north of Carling Avenue and who are directed to D. Roy Kennedy Public School will also have the option of choosing to attend Pinecrest Public School for September 2017. This option will also be extended to the siblings (born in 2017 or earlier) of those students who choose the option.

### **Transition Planning**

The accommodation review process has been challenging for our community and I would like to thank you for your participation in support of our school. Over the next few months, as a school community we will need to develop plans to prepare for the transition of our students. I know that Pinecrest Public School and D. Roy Kennedy Public School will be very welcoming for our students.

I appreciate that there will be questions relating to these changes. The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority will have more details about school busing by the end of the school year. We have already begun establishing a transition planning committee and will continue to provide you with more detailed information as it becomes available. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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