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From the Principal's Desk – Changes Coming to Colonel By Secondary School

Dear Colonel By Families:

I wanted to share some important information about changes resulting from the recent Eastern Secondary Area Accommodation Review. More information about the review and the decisions is available on the [district website](#).

No changes were made to the Colonel By Secondary School program and attendance boundary for September 2017. However, a decision to introduce a new International Baccalaureate (IB) program to Merivale High School was made as part of the Western Area Review.

The introduction of an additional IB program cannot occur until certification of Merivale HS by IB's governing international body. Once that certification has been received, the District will establish new attendance boundaries for the IB program based on the accredited sites. This decision will affect the boundary for the Colonel By Secondary School IB program, as the new site at Merivale High School is intended to generally serve the west end of the District. As the staff recommended program implementation at Merivale HS will occur beginning in grade 9, IB program students attending Colonel By Secondary School will be grandfathered to remain at the school.

As part of the Eastern Secondary Review, a decision was made to close Rideau High School. Students at Rideau High School will be directed to Gloucester High School starting in September 2017. A transition planning team will be established with staff, students and parents from those two schools to support the transition of students.

I want to thank you for your participation in the Eastern Secondary accommodation review process and your ongoing support of our school. I am sure there will be questions relating to these decisions, particularly in relation to the opening of the new IB site. We 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.

Sincerely,

Jean Fulton-Hale
Principal

