

February 6, 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Re: Transfer of Grades 7-9 Students to Grand Trunk High School

The Grande Yellowhead Public School Board invites you to attend a meeting that will be held at Wildwood School on February 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will address the Board's proposed motion to transfer students in Grades 7-9 from Wildwood School to Grand Trunk High School effective September 3, 2019.

Wildwood School will remain open for students K-6. Due to the transfer of the junior high students, Wildwood School will erase its deficit and be able to operate with a balanced budget. As GYPSD is posting a \$1.9 million deficit; it cannot provide additional financial support to schools in deficit.

This transfer is also a positive opportunity for the 24 junior high students who are currently enrolled in Grades 7-9 at Wildwood School, as they will now be able to access a wider variety of education programs and extra-curricular activities at Grand Trunk High School. Furthermore, it allows students a smooth transition into their high school programs. Grand Trunk High School has the capacity to subsume the Wildwood students, and the capital needs of the school will not be adversely affected due to the increase in the enrolment.

The financial impact on Wildwood School, if the junior high were to remain open, will result in limited educational programming and extra-curricular activities for students. In addition, Wildwood School would continue to run a significant financial deficit.

The need for, and extent of, bussing will be addressed.

Sincerely,



Brenda Rosadiuk
Chair, Grande Yellowhead Public School Board

cc: Carolyn Lewis, Superintendent of Schools
Board of Trustees, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division