



UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Dear parents and guardians:

A public information meeting to provide information on how the Upper Grand District School Board plans to accommodate all kindergarten students in the Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) Program will be held in Orangeville for all Dufferin County schools on Thursday October 13.

While FDK is already in some schools in this area, the Board has approved, in principle, a FDK Capital Plan that sets out what needs to be done to make sure that all kindergarten children have a place to go to school all day, every day by the Ministry of Education's deadline of September 2014. The Board has funding to implement the plan which sets out where renovations and additions are needed and also proposes two new elementary schools in Dufferin County, one in Orangeville and one in Shelburne. This report is now [posted on the board's website](#) and there is a link to it from all elementary school websites.

The schools where the implementation of FDK is an issue because of growing enrolment, such as in Shelburne, and areas where we need new schools, including the one in Orangeville, have been identified in a second report. These are the "triggers" for possible boundary reviews because the number of students needs to be rebalanced amongst schools. This is called "right-sizing" and it helps the Board make the most efficient use of its school buildings. This report will be presented to trustees on Tuesday October 11, posted on the websites, and will be part of the information presented at the public meeting.

We invite you to come and learn about the FDK Capital Plan, the additions and renovations and new schools for Dufferin County as well as possible boundary reviews that may be required to "right size" our schools. The meeting will be held on:

**Thursday October 13 from 7 to 9 p.m.
in the auditorium of Westside Secondary School, Alder Street, Orangeville**

Board staff will be there to present the reports, a question and answer session will be included and you will also be invited to leave your initial comments.

We are excited about this plan which will not only affect every school in Dufferin County, but across the district. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Bob Borden
Chair of the Board

Martha Rogers
Director of Education

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