



April 5, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians of Ridpath Junior Public School students:

We recently shared with you information related to the relocation of Ridpath Junior Public School to the Lakefield District Secondary School building, creating a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school beginning in September 2017.

We believe that the relocation of Ridpath Junior Public School as a K-8 school at the current Lakefield District Secondary School site would enhance educational opportunities for students in a number of ways, including:

- creation of a large school facility for students with the Kindergarten to Grade 8 school projected to have approximately 550 students
- Grade 7 and 8 students from Buckhorn Public School will join both English and French Immersion students from Ridpath Junior Public School in the new facility, maintaining the Intermediate setting
- the ability to retain Grade 7-8 French Immersion students within the Lakefield community
- maintaining a strong Curve Lake First Nation presence within the local educational community, with continuance of a First Nation classroom
- access for students to two large gyms for school and community use
- opportunity to provide elementary students with improved technology/science programming, music room and newly designed Kindergarten rooms.

As part of the next steps in this relocation, we wanted to take some time to consult with affected school communities. To learn more about our plans in this area, we are inviting all students, parents and guardians to attend a public meeting on:

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Ridpath Junior Public School
39 Ermatinger Street
Lakefield, ON

We hope you will be able to join us to learn about this exciting opportunity to not only improve student outcomes for our elementary students in the community, but also make possible continued and new community partnerships for the Lakefield District Secondary School space.

More information on how you can be a part of our consultation on the relocation of the school, and next steps in this process, will be shared soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Ingram", is written over a white background.

Greg Ingram
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