

March 31, 2023

Dear Adventure Class Families:

Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board engaged in a program review of the Adventure Class Program at Queen Victoria School. This program review was based on the evaluation framework developed in partnership with Queen's University.

The program review sought to answer the following five questions:

1. Equity: To what extent is the program equitable?
2. Student Achievement: What level of impact does this program have on student achievement?
3. Student Wellness: How effective is the program in fostering student well-being?
4. Sustainability: To what extent is the program viable and sustainable for the school board?
5. Uniqueness: In what ways does this program differ from a typical classroom experience?

A variety of data collection methods (e.g., interviews, surveys, document review, arts-informed student activity, focus group meetings) was used to collect evidence to answer the above questions.

There were three possible outcomes of the program review:

1. continue the program;
2. refine the program; or
3. discontinue the program.

Senior Administration reviewed the summary of evidence from the program review and has made the decision that the Adventure Class program will continue with refinements.

The Adventure Class program will be relocated to Prince Charles School (Belleville) for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond. Prince Charles School (Belleville) was selected because there is space at the school and its location will support experiential learning.

Current Adventure Class families are asked to complete [this Google Form](#) by Tuesday, April 11, 2023 to indicate if they would like their child(ren) to attend the Adventure Class program at Prince Charles School (Belleville) for the 2023-2024 school year. This short timeline is required to meet HPEDSB staffing timelines.

I will schedule a meeting with interested Adventure Class families and staff in the spring to discuss program refinements.

Yours in Education,



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Superintendent of Education