Dear Tracy,

Further to the recent concerns raised in your school community, I would like to confirm that:

- The Upper Grand District School Board approved a Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) in June 2018 and LTAP Annual Review Report on March 26, 2019. Neither of these documents identify any elementary school work plan priorities in the Town of Erin, including school closure review processes.
- There is no plan by the UGDSB to close Ross R. MacKay PS. Further, there is currently a moratorium on school closures throughout the Province of Ontario, and therefore no authority to initiate a public consultation review process that would facilitate such a discussion with the community.
- If there were to be a review of elementary boundaries or programs in Erin, such a review would be well publicized and there would be opportunity for all affected school communities to be involved.
- The Board continues to monitor the Town’s progress in securing approvals for a wastewater treatment plant and associated sanitary servicing. More information from the Town’s current growth management process is needed for the Board to project the allocation, impact and timing of development in the villages of Erin and Hillsburgh before determining if there should be any reviews initiated in this community.
- The Board continues to do its best to meet the needs of all the students we serve. Educational Assistants (EA) and other special education resources are allocated based on the needs of students not on the enrolment in a school. Child and Youth Counsellors (CYC) are allocated based on population and need. Many schools have waitlists for support and all schools prioritize access to CYC services based on need, regardless of size.

Sincerely,

Martha C. Rogers
Director of Education
& Secretary Treasurer

cc: Linda Busuttil, Chair
    Jen Edwards, Trustee
    Denise Heaslip, Superintendent of Education
    Heather Loney, Communications Officer

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