November 14, 2019

Dear Earl Haig Parents and Guardians,

The Earl Haig Parent Council would like to make you aware of some upcoming public consultations being held by the TDSB for policy review on Optional Attendance and The Secondary School Review.

The Optional Attendance program is the mechanism that allows students to apply for schools and programs outside their catchment area and this includes Specialized Programs like the ones we offer through the Claude Watson Secondary Arts Program at Earl Haig.   Any changes to the policy will make it difficult students to attend or apply for the specialized programs that are not part of their home school.

We feel it is pertinent to notify our parents and urge you to attend the public consultations to make our concerns known.   The dates and locations for the Public Consultations are listed below:

**November 14**, 7:00 p.m. at Western Technical-Commercial School, 125 Evelyn Crescent, Cafeteria

**November 20**, 7:00 p.m. at East Education Office, 140 Borough Drive, Committee Room 3/4

**November 26**, 7:00 p.m. at C W Jefferys Collegiate Institute, 340 Sentinel Road, Cafeteria

**November 28**, 7:00 p.m. at John Polanyi Collegiate Institute, 640 Lawrence Avenue West, Cafeteria

More information about the Policy Consultation process will be found on the [public TDSB site](https://t.e2ma.net/click/o2axvd/oe4jij/w0a6nn) at the beginning of November.

NEW: Information about the Secondary Program Review can be found on the [public TDSB site](https://t.e2ma.net/click/o2axvd/oe4jij/ctb6nn).

We need to voice our concerns and questions so that the board understands that students should have the choice to attend schools which best fits their needs.

Thank you

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