



Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you are aware, student enrolment pressures at Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute have been an ongoing issue for the past few years. Currently, according to our September 2014 actual enrolment, there are approximately 1308 students and the utilization rate is 148% at the school. Enrolment has increased steadily from 1006 students in 2009. At the November 3, 2014 School Council meeting, options were discussed to address the high number of students. Every feasible option is being considered by TDSB staff when reviewing program placements and other changes (such as student enrolment) related to a school. This will continue as we work through the capacity issues at LPCI.

One option is to change the Optional Attendance status of LPCI from "Limited" to "Closed". Determining the Optional Attendance status of a school is normally done in January and shared on TDSB's website. A recommendation is made by the Planning Department, and the Principal and Trustee are consulted before a final decision by the Superintendent.

Given the long history of LPCI's Limited Optional Attendance status, the immediate concerns about the current high enrolment, and the community's desire to make informed decisions about secondary schools, we wanted to provide advance notice that the Optional Attendance status at Lawrence Park CI will be "Closed" for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. Therefore, Optional Attendance forms will not be accepted at LPCI in January/February 2015 and all considerations for schools with a "Closed" status will be in effect.

According to Section 1.3 of the Optional Attendance policy, students currently in the school under Optional Attendance will be welcome to stay in the school until they depart (i.e., graduation, move to another school).

We understand that this change of Optional Attendance status might have an impact on your child(ren). Please speak to your child's school Principal if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Chang".

Superintendent of Education
WR3 Family of Schools