



April 24, 2024

Families,

The Halifax Regional Municipality continues to grow – and the neighbourhoods around Burton Ettinger Elementary are some of the fastest growing areas. We are now planning for the 2024-25 school year to ensure there are appropriate learning spaces, resources, and staff ready to welcome students in September.

### **What does this growth look like for Burton Ettinger Elementary?**

Burton Ettinger Elementary is currently a Grades Primary to 6 school with capacity for 530 students in 24 classrooms (which includes two portables).

- In September 2023, enrolment was 538 students.
- Projected enrolment for September 2024 is 555 students.

**The challenge?** An additional classroom is needed for next year and there is no space for our continued growth!

### **After careful consideration, HRCE staff are recommending the following changes for September 2024:**

- Moving Grade 6 students from Burton Ettinger Elementary to Fairview Junior High; and
- Pre-Primary children, currently at Fairview Heights Elementary, will return to Burton Ettinger.

In 2023-24, Grade 6 students from Fairview Heights and Rockingham (French Immersion) moved to Fairview Junior High. The change outlined above would have Grade 6 Burton Ettinger students join their peers from these schools.

The move would also allow the Pre-Primary Program to again operate in Burton Ettinger rather than families from the area having to access the program at Fairview Heights.

### **Share your thoughts!**

Your feedback is important in this process. Please take a few minutes to answer the following question, anonymously, on ThoughtExchange before Monday, April 29.

***Before the decision is made, what do you want us to know?***




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Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. Your thoughts and ideas will help inform the decision around changes to ease enrolment pressures. You will receive an update on next steps in the coming weeks.

To learn more about growth in HRCE, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

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