



# Media Release

## For Immediate Release

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### Information Meeting on Grades Relocation at Port Elgin Schools set for November 5

Chesley, ON – Bluewater District School Board is holding an information meeting on **Monday, November 5, 2018** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Saugeen District Secondary School regarding a grades relocation at the Port Elgin area schools.

Due to significant growth in elementary school enrolment, there is an immediate need to address classroom shortages in September 2019 while board staff work towards a long term solution. There are currently sufficient unused excess classrooms at Saugeen District Secondary School to accommodate senior elementary students, which will allow the elementary schools to accommodate their growing populations. At the information meeting, staff will share transition plans for the relocation of Grades 7 and 8 students and answer parent/guardian questions regarding the following changes:

School	Currently	Recommended Option
Northport Elementary School	Junior Kindergarten – Grade 8	Junior Kindergarten – Grade 6
Port Elgin-Saugeen Central School	Junior Kindergarten – Grade 8 (includes French Immersion)	Junior Kindergarten – Grade 6 (includes French Immersion)
Saugeen District Secondary School	Grade 9 – Grade 12 (includes Extended French)	Grade 7 – Grade 12 (includes French Immersion)

Please visit the web page, [www.bwdsb.on.ca/business/GradesRelocation\\_PortElgin](http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/business/GradesRelocation_PortElgin), for full details on the grades relocation.

An email account has been created for parents/guardians and community members to ask questions and/or seek clarification. Common themes from the email submissions will be addressed by board staff at the information meeting and as part of a Q&A on the web page above. Submissions are being accepted at [peprogramreview@bwdsb.on.ca](mailto:peprogramreview@bwdsb.on.ca) until Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Parents/guardians and community members are welcome to attend the information meeting. Notification of any postponements due to weather will be provided on Bluewater District School Board’s website and social media accounts, and through local media.

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