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Dear Davisville Community – students, parents, staff and neighbours:

**Re: Davisville PS / Spectrum Alternative Sr. School / MTSD
Potential Redevelopment Project Update**

One project in particular that is of interest for the communities in the Yonge-Davisville area is the potential redevelopment of Davisville PS at 43 Millwood Road. This school is also the home of the relocated Spectrum Alternative Sr School and the Metro Toronto School for the Deaf.

The Board at its meeting of October 28th, 2010, launched five redevelopment opportunities which, if fully implemented, will result in new schools and a revenue stream to invest in other TDSB schools. The schools identified are:

- Davisville Jr. P.S./MTSD (now housing Spectrum Sr Alternative School)
- Kent Sr. P.S., Bloor C.I., and Brockton H.S.
- Bathurst Heights S.S. (now called John Polanyi S.S.)
- Bendale B.T.I., David and Mary Thomson C.I.
- Avondale Elementary and Secondary Alternative

In late May Davisville hosted the first of many Local School Community Design Team (LSCDT) meetings. The membership on this team in addition to me and Superintendent Ian Allison is largely made up of community (through the resident and ratepayer associations) and school representatives (through the school council), the local councillor's office, as well as senior members of staff of the Board who are managing the process. This group will be meeting again in mid-November and throughout the fall/winter months.

Last week Superintendent Allison and I participated in the selection of master planning consultants for this project. The selected consultant (who will be announced shortly) represents the highest level of expertise with respect to working with communities and in the designing of schools. They will help our LSCDT develop a master plan for the school site that will model the overall design of the school building and play space, green space, parking/drop-off and identify any potential development options that would support the needs in funding the new school.

We also met with Councillor Josh Matlow and his staff last week to discuss the development aspect of this project. We share his commitment that all facets of this project should enhance the quality of the Davisville Village community. Councillor Matlow's office will continue to have a presence at the LSCDT meetings as we move forward with developing the options for this project.

All LSCDT minutes and updates are posted on my website under community updates. Go to www.tdsb.on.ca; click on Trustees and Board Meetings; click on Trustees; click on Ward 11; and click on Community Updates. Or you can follow this link:
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=183&menuid=33774&pageid=28754>.

Finally, I want to encourage your interest in this project. Although the community members of the LSCDT will identify and communicate the broader community concerns and desires for this project, there will be opportunities during the process for inclusive public meetings. Through this level of engagement, we will design options for a great school and a great project for the community.

At our next LSCDT in November, we will discuss within the LSCDT when the first possibility for a public forum could happen for this project. We want to be able to share the planning studies that will be prepared for the site as well as the ideas for the new school and green space that come out of our team approach. I will share the timelines for public input as soon as they are known.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc. Josh Matlow, Councillor, Ward 22, City of Toronto
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