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Dear Students/Parents/Guardians/Staff/Community Members of JR Wilcox Community School:

Re: School Facility Improvements

We are pleased to let you know that the Toronto District School Board approved a Five-Year Capital Building Program that included funding for facility upgrades for the schools that would require program and/or capacity changes as a result of the 2009/10 Accommodation Review process. These improvements will implement the Accommodation Review Committee's (ARC) final recommendations that were accepted by your Local Design Team.

Let us take this opportunity to publicly thank members of your Local School Community Design Team who provided us with their best advice on your behalf, to ensure our preliminary design concepts supported your school needs.

This letter is to inform you that the Phase 1 construction for **J.R. Wilcox CS-ARC 4 Classroom Renovations** has been awarded to the Contractor. This work consists of a 3-classroom renovation for a Science/Technology suite on the second floor, 2-classroom renovations for 2 Kindergartens on the first floor, 1-Classroom renovation for a new Music room, a storage room renovation for a new classroom, and a refurbishment of the storage room in the basement. These renovations will be completed for the start of the 2011 school year.

The Phase 2 Construction Design is currently in the last stage of the Local School Community Design Team approval. It is expected to be approved at the end of this month. The work for Phase 2 construction will consist of an extension of the school gymnasium and a 1-classroom addition for a new Kindergarten, along with some site work at the South and East end of the school site. Phase 2 will be tendering in September-October 2011, with a construction start expected in December 2011. The Phase 2 project will be completed for the start of the 2012 school year.

Phase 1 Work began May 19th and will be completed by August 31^{st,} 2011. As with all our school projects, safety measures will be in place to protect students and staff during construction. For work starting before the school year end, access to the construction area will be hoarded and isolated from the school. We have worked with your school's Principal Glen Watson to ensure the work will be coordinated to minimize the impact of construction on school operations. All contractors are aware of the need to schedule any disruptive work including dust and noise after school hours as much as possible.

Residents will be able to contact the TDSB immediately if any concerns arise during construction. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Jatin Amin, TDSB Project Supervisor at (416) 395-4771

We look forward to building the improvements to J.R. Wilcox CS that will enhance our students' learning experience. Thank you for your support and your patience during this period of change.

Sincerely,

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