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Dear Students/Parents/Guardians/Staff/Community Members of West Preparatory PS:

Re: School Facility Improvements

As you may know, 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 2009/2010 Accommodation Review process. In addition, the Toronto District School Board is planning to implement Phase Four of the Full Day Kindergarten Program as mandated by the Ministry of Education at West Prep in 2013. We incorporated both of these facility upgrade projects into one. These improvements will implement the Accommodation Review Committee's (ARC) final recommendations that were accepted by your Local Design Team.

On June 20th, the board approved the following motion:

"It is recommended that program and sketch plans be approved for West Preparatory Junior Public School at a cost of \$1,788,800 for the purpose of increasing the building's capacity to accommodate 565 pupil places." The ministry subsequently approved the project.

The project consists of converting two existing classrooms into two Full Day Kindergarten classrooms; converting the existing lunch room into two regular classrooms and expanding the gymnasium to include a new multipurpose room. The alterations and upgrades will be completed for the start of the 2013 school year when West Prep welcomes Full-Day Kindergarten to the community.

Let us again 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.

Construction began on December 19, 2012. Access to the construction area is hoarded and isolated from the school. We had worked with your school's Principal John Hunter to ensure 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 where 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 contact Farhad Nassiri, TDSB Project Supervisor at (416) 395-4223.

We look forward to building the improvements to West Preparatory PS 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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