



June 6, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

In June 2018, the Board of Trustees approved a plan to close Jack Miner Senior Public School and change the grades of Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School, Guildwood Junior Public School, and Poplar Road Junior Public School from JK-6 to JK-8.

The implementation of this plan was conditional upon the Ministry of Education providing funds to build additional space at Elizabeth Simcoe Jr PS and Poplar Road Jr PS to accommodate the grade changes (note: Guildwood Jr PS does not require additional space to accommodate the grade change – there is sufficient space in the existing building).

In April 2022, the Ministry of Education approved funding for these schools. Funds have been provided to replace Poplar Road Jr PS with a larger facility including a child care centre. Funds have also been provided to add two classrooms to Elizabeth Simcoe Jr PS by converting the current gym into two classrooms and building a new gym as an addition.

This funding allows us to move forward with implementing the plan. Changes to the schools will not happen right away. To proceed with the changes, the construction of the new Poplar Road Jr PS building must be completed first. It takes approximately five years to design and construct a new school in Toronto. We are estimating that the new Poplar Road Jr PS building could be open in September 2027. In September 2027, the schools will expand their grades from JK-6 to JK-7. In 2028, their grades will expand to JK-8. Jack Miner Sr PS will close in September 2028.

This timeline is approximate. The timeline could change if there are delays in getting approval of the design from the City of Toronto and the Ministry of Education, or if there are delays in the construction process such as strikes and material shortages.

We will provide you with updates throughout the design and construction process.





If you have any questions, please contact your principal, Andrew Gowdy (andrew.gowdy@tdsb.on.ca; 416-938-8603), or Trustee Patel (zakir.patel@tdsb.on.ca; 647-709-7973).

Sincerely,

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Andrew Gowdy
System Planning Officer

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Zakir Patel
Trustee, Ward 19, Scarborough-Guildwood

Cc. Superintendent John Currie, Learning Network 16

