



Change in Timing for Relocation of Bloor Collegiate Institute and ALPHA II Alternative School During Construction of Replacement School

To: Committee of the Whole

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Strategic Directions

- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

Recommendation

It is recommended that Bloor Collegiate Institute and ALPHA II Alternative School be relocated to Central Technical School, effective 1 September 2021, for the duration of construction of the replacement school for Bloor Collegiate Institute and ALPHA II Alternative School.

Context

In September 2019, the Board of Trustees approved that Bloor Collegiate Institute and ALPHA II Alternative School be relocated to Central Technical School effective 1 September 2020 for the duration of construction of the replacement school for Bloor CI and ALPHA II. Bloor CI and ALPHA II are located in Ward 9, Trustee Donaldson, and Central Technical School is located in Ward 10, Trustee Moise. Appendix A contains a map that shows the locations of these schools.

The temporary relocation of Bloor CI and ALPHA II is required because the existing Bloor CI building was sold to a developer, Capital Developments Inc., and a condition of the sale was that the two schools must vacate the building by 31 December 2020. The replacement school is about to begin construction but will not be ready for occupancy until after the date by which Bloor CI and ALPHA II must be out of the Bloor CI building.

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Central Technical School was approved as the holding location for Bloor CI and ALPHA II because it is in close proximity to the Bloor CI site, has sufficient space to accommodate the students of all three schools, is on the subway line, and has numerous specialized spaces (e.g. gyms, science rooms/labs, and art rooms) that can support the programming needs of the three schools. September 2020 was approved as the effective date for the relocation of Bloor CI and ALPHA II because it met the timelines to vacate the Bloor CI building as per the purchase and sale agreement and avoided the disruption of a mid-school year move.

Recently, Capital Developments Inc. exercised their contractual right to extend the closing date of the purchase and sale agreement to on or before 31 December 2021. Capital Developments Inc. has advised that Bloor CI and ALPHA II can remain in the existing Bloor CI building until the end of the 2020-21 school year. This means that it is not necessary for Bloor CI and ALPHA II to be temporarily relocated for September 2020, but rather can stay for an additional year in the Bloor CI building and be relocated for September 2021.

A meeting with the school councils of Bloor CI and ALPHA II occurred on 1 November 2019 at which the extension was discussed. All were in support of changing the timing of the relocation from September 2020 to September 2021.

Based on this feedback, staff is recommending that Bloor CI and ALPHA II be relocated to Central Technical School for September 2021 and remain there until the replacement school can be occupied.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

Space at Central Technical School will be fit-up to receive the two schools beginning in early 2020 and going until August 2021.

A Relocation Committee will begin meeting in 2020 to plan the transition of the two schools to Central Technical School.

Bloor CI and ALPHA II will relocate to Central Technical School for September 2021.

It is anticipated that Bloor CI and ALPHA II will move into the replacement school once it is ready for opening in September 2022. However, the timing for opening of the replacement school is dependent upon the timely receipt of approvals from the City of Toronto and the Ministry of Education.

Resource Implications

Some space modifications and fit-up will be required at Central Technical School to accommodate Bloor CI and ALPHA II. This will be funded from the School Condition

Improvement budget (SCI). The preliminary estimate for this work is \$3.1 million. Much of this work is related to renewal of the facility which will benefit Central Technical School over the long term and reduce the renewal backlog.

Communications Considerations

Letters have been sent to the parents and students of Bloor CI, ALPHA II and Central Technical School notifying them of the change in timing for the relocation of Bloor CI and ALPHA II into Central Technical School.

Additional communications will occur as required to keep the school communities informed of the relocation plan.

Letters will be posted to the schools' websites.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

Not applicable.

Appendices

- Appendix A: Location of Bloor Collegiate Institute, ALPHA II Alternative School and Central Technical School

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