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Dear Students, Staff, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers of York Memorial CI:

The York Memorial project team would like to provide the school community with an update regarding the current project status and the anticipated timeline for the completion of York Memorial CI's reconstruction.

The project team has completed Phase 1 of the overall school reconstruction. As part of this mandate, York Memorial CI has undergone emergency remediation and partial reconstruction necessary to maintain a stable structure. As previously shared, York Memorial is a Heritage building, and significant efforts continue to be undertaken to restore key features and elements lost to the fire in 2019. In addition to this effort, TDSB staff and the design consultant team, led by Taylor Hazell Architects, have completed the design for the reconstruction of York Memorial CI school which includes the conversion of the 2 Trethewey building and a new addition (to replace the Annex) to create a fully integrated 1300 pupil place school.

The reconstructed York Memorial CI will include updated science and arts rooms, a new library and cafeteria, as well as the refurbished heritage auditorium. The school will have program spaces such as automotive, woodworking, electrical, cosmetology, communications technology, computer engineering, robotics, and culinary arts. The building will be barrier-free, and there will be new energy-efficient mechanical systems, as well as security and public address systems.

At the TDSB Board meeting on April 17, 2024, Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd. was awarded the contract for the full reconstruction of York Memorial. The award of contract to Aquicon marks a significant milestone for the project as we can now begin full construction.

Construction start is anticipated for early May 2024 and while we had originally anticipated a completion date of Fall 2026, given the complexity of this project and the risk of unforeseen conditions, the completion date may extend to early 2027. The TDSB Capital Services team will continue to provide regular community updates as we move through construction. For additional information on the York Memorial CI capital project, visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Facility-Services/Capital-Projects/York-Memorial-Collegiate-Institute-Rebuild-and-School-Consolidation>.

This is an exciting step for the York Memorial community, students, and TDSB staff, and we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we navigate the hurdles related to major construction works and this complex project.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either one of us.

Sincerely,



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