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Dear Neighbours:

As you might expect, repairs and renovations are a necessary part of the maintenance of any building, including schools. And that is especially so in schools and buildings in older neighbourhoods like ours. As part of a process to measure facility conditions and identify renewal needs, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) regularly inspects and assesses its sites. Recent inspections of Winona PS and McMurrich PS identified windows that need to be replaced at both schools. Indeed, these are just two of hundreds of TDSB schools included in a major window replacement initiative taking place over the next five years.

In preparation for the window project at these two neighbourhood schools, we anticipate that crews will begin to set up on June 1 and will work through that weekend, weather permitting. Set-up will include establishing a staging area at the front of both schools. That area will be fenced off at least 20 feet from the buildings. However, the main entrances will remain accessible. After set up, window removal and installation will begin and continue throughout the month of June and well into the summer.

Window replacement is scheduled to be completed in time for the next school year, again contingent on weather conditions and scheduling. The new windows are energy efficient and meet current performance standards, helping to ensure a continued safe and comfortable learning environment for our students for many years to come.

In addition to this window replacement, Winona PS and McMurrich Jr PS will have emergency cooling centres established in their gymnasium this summer. And though we do not yet have details on timelines, we are also scheduled to have solar panels installed on the roof at McMurrich relatively soon. You can find out more about this latter initiative on the TDSB's web site at www.tdsb.on.ca by searching the key term "solar panels."

The TDSB's Facilities team is working with contractors and with school staff to manage these projects safely, efficiently, and effectively. All of the work involved will be closely monitored and performed in accordance with strict government regulations. We are also cognizant of being good neighbours, so this includes respecting city by-laws about noise levels and working hours.

I want to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. While we will do our very best to minimize it, some inconvenience and noise is inevitable during this process. Be assured that student, staff, and community safety will remain the very top priority throughout.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or the schools. During the summer, you can also reach the Project Manager at Helia.Zahedi@tdsb.on.ca, should you have concerns. In the case of an Emergency, you can reach our Security Operations Centre at 416-395-4620.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Laskin', written in a cursive style.

Shelley Laskin

cc Councillor Joe Mihevc, Superintendent Kathleen Garner, Principal Belinda Longe, Principal Colin Pinkney, Project Supervisor Helia Zahedi