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January 31, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Continuation of Grade 7 Students at Arlington 2011-12

At our last meeting on December 16, 2010, the Arlington parent community gave the TDSB overwhelming support through the survey results to negotiate space with the new potential owner of Arlington Middle School to ensure the Grade 7 students stay on-site for Grade 8. Over the last few weeks, I have been providing regular updates to the 'post-ARC' committee, a subcommittee of the Arlington School Advisory Council. On Friday, January 28, we received very positive news that I wish to share, on behalf of Trustee Laskin and myself with the entire community.

We are now in possession of a *Letter of Intent* from the *French Catholic School District Board (Conseil du district catholique Centre-Sud)* confirming their commitment to purchase Arlington Middle School, pending February board approval, with a lease back arrangement to the TDSB for appropriate space in order that there can be **continuation of grade 8 at the Arlington site for our current grade 7 students for 2011-12**. Although it has to go to their board in February, which is after the optional attendance date, their commitment has been given.

I will continue to work with the Arlington administration - Susanne Fata and Robert Nigro, with the support of central board staff and Trustee Laskin, to get the school ready for the transition and to continue to inform and involve parents through their appointed transition team. We will set up a follow-up community meeting in the spring to provide an update. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (416) 394-2046.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Allison'.

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