

Davisville Junior Public School / Spectrum Alternative Senior School Parent Meeting

**Hodgson Senior Public School
Monday, April 23, 2018
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions Shona/Ian/Shelley
- Update – 529 Vaughan Road Tom
- Transportation Dan/Steph & Kevin/Linda
- Staffing Update Ian
- Childcare Louise
- Transitions Shona
- Closing 43 Millwood Road Shona
- The New School Building Tom
- Questions and Answers All

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Shelley Laskin – Trustee, Ward 11
- Ian Allison – Superintendent, Learning Network 02
- Shona Farrelly – Principal, Davisville JPS / Spectrum Alternative SPS
- Tom Schloessin – Architectural Coordinator, TDSB
- Louise Humphreys – Manager, Child Care Services, TDSB
- Donna Boyce – Manager, Davisville Before and After Care
- Kevin Hodgkinson – Gen Mgr, Toronto Student Transportation Group
- Linda Campoli – Area Supervisor, Student Transportation, TDSB
- Dan Antonios – Parent, Transportation Committee
- Steph Chadda – Parent, Transportation Committee

**RELOCATING TO 529 VAUGHAN ROAD –
RENOVATIONS AT THE NEW FACILITY:**

Davisville/Spectrum will be relocated to 529 Vaughan Road (the former Vaughan Road Academy building) for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years while the new school is built.

The necessary Full Day Kindergarten facilities along with general room improvements are in progress at 529 Vaughan. Additional discussions are also taking place to ensure a smooth transition for Before & After Care functions.

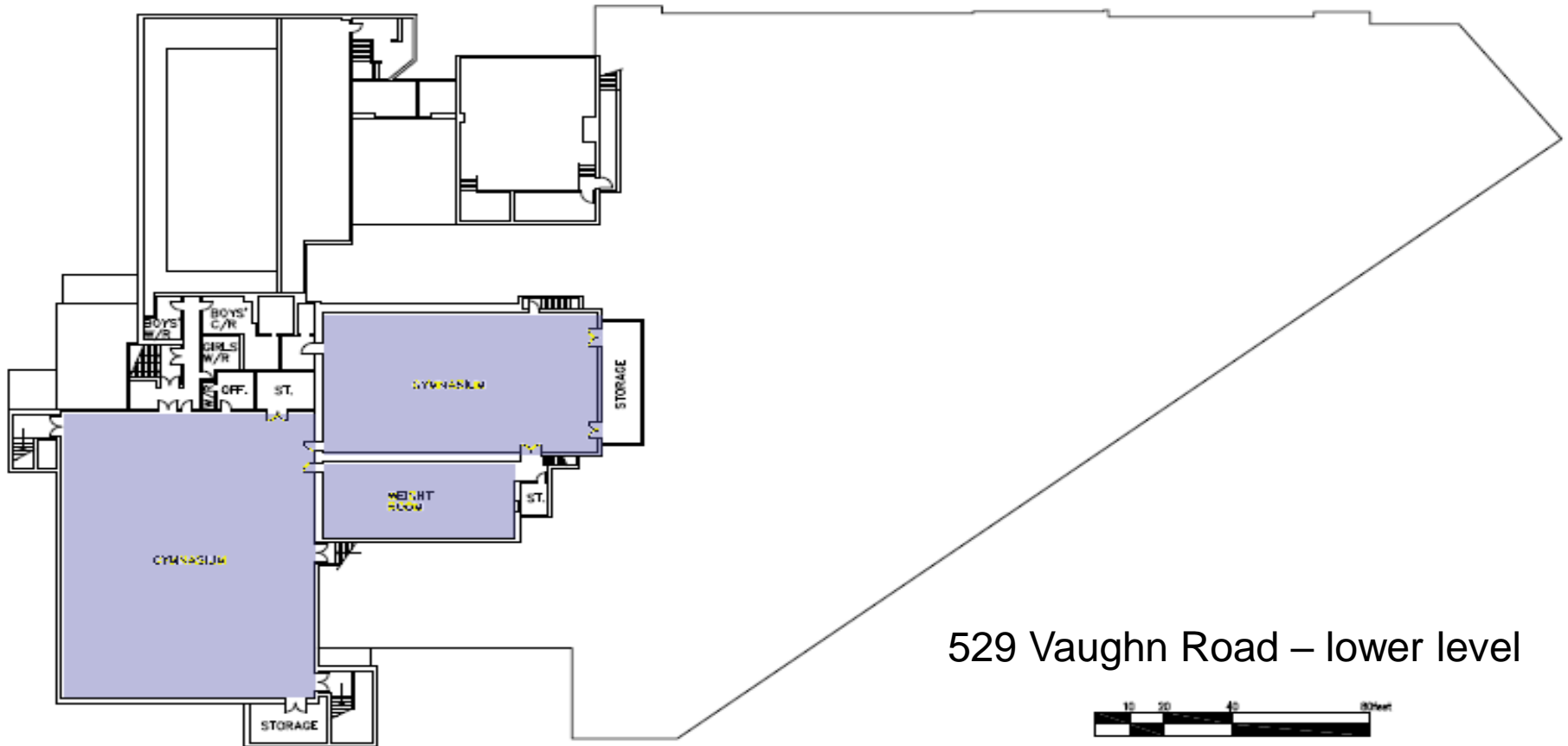
The creation of Kindergarten and primary play areas, along with site development appropriate to an elementary school will begin in the following weeks – weather permitting.

The required renovations both inside and outside of the school will be completed on or before the end of August in preparation for Davisville/Spectrum to relocate for September 2018.



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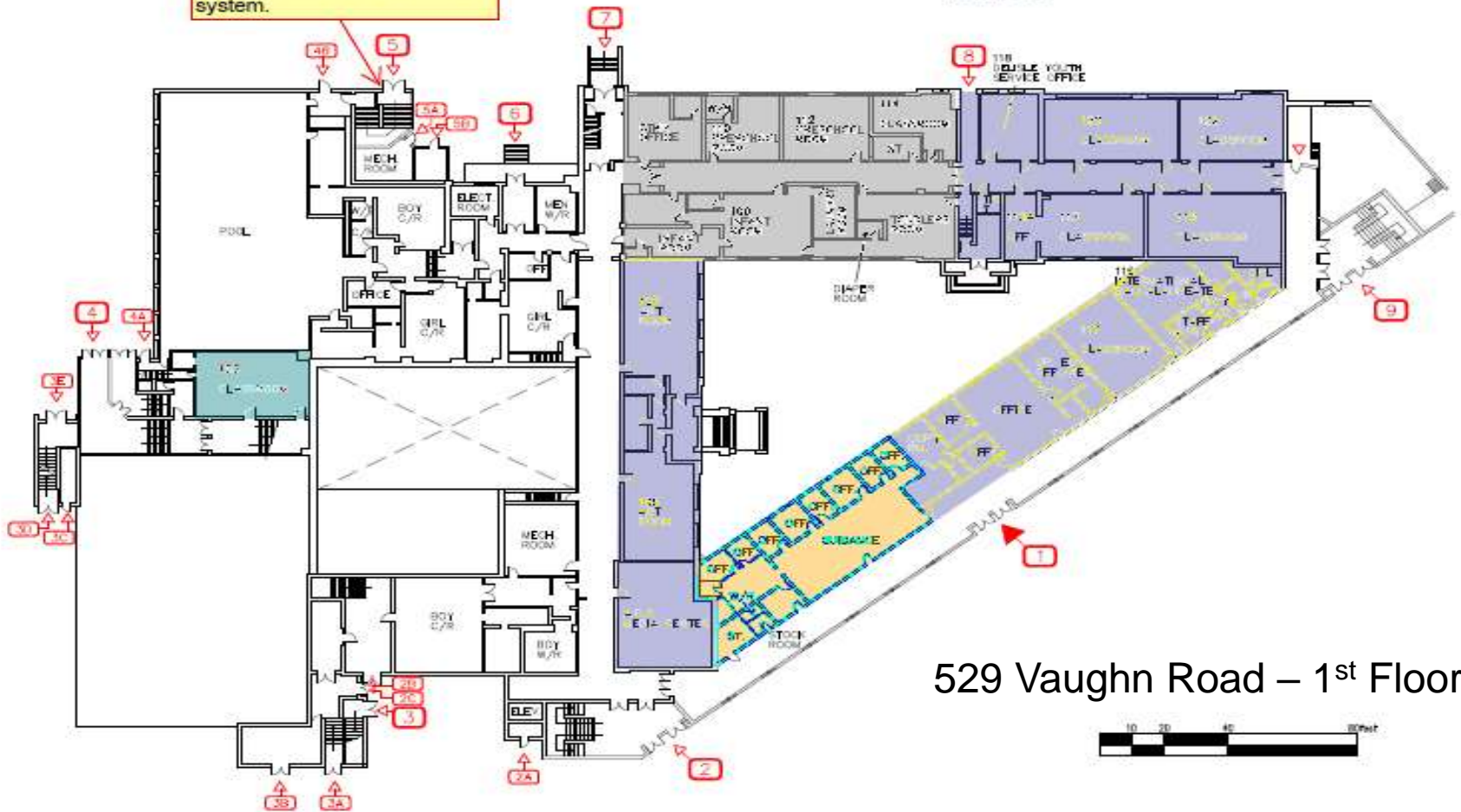
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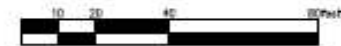
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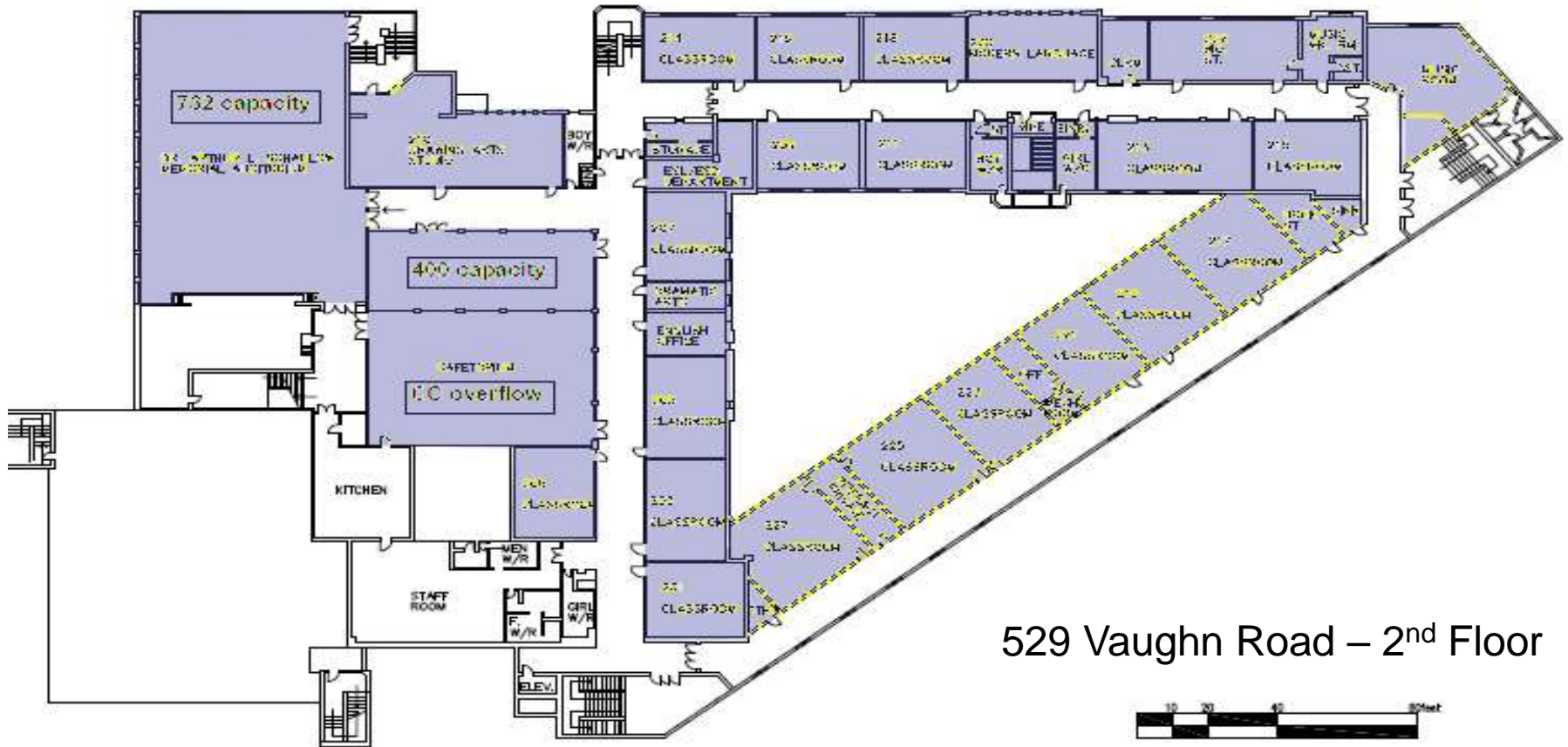


529 Vaughn Road – 1st Floor



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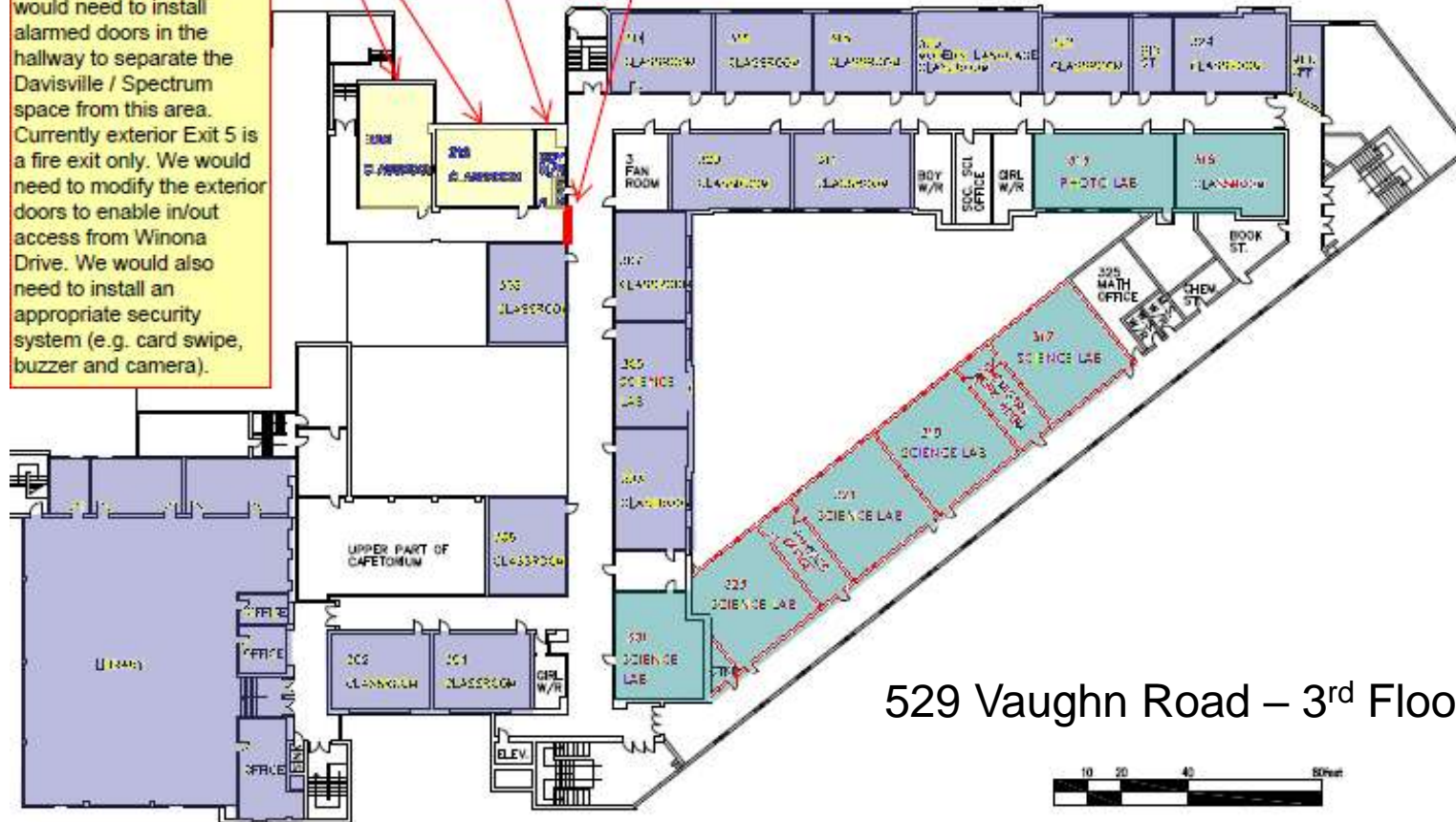
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Rooms 310 and 312 could be leased to a community agency. The adjacent boys' washroom could be dedicated to the use of the community agency (it would become a gender neutral washroom). We would need to install alarmed doors in the hallway to separate the Davisville / Spectrum space from this area. Currently exterior Exit 5 is a fire exit only. We would need to modify the exterior doors to enable in/out access from Winona Drive. We would also need to install an appropriate security system (e.g. card swipe, buzzer and camera).

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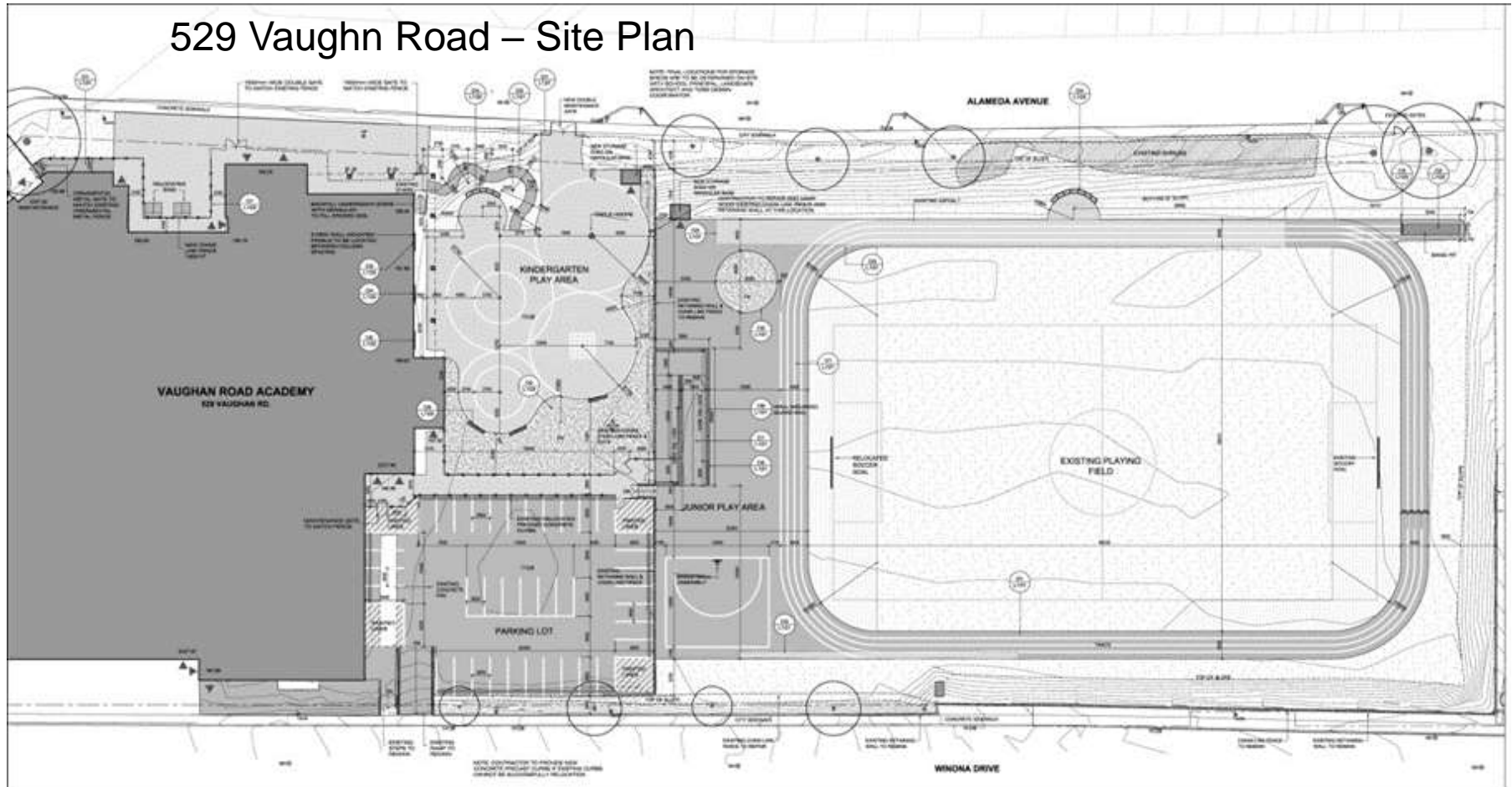
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529 Vaughn Road – 3rd Floor



529 Vaughn Road – Site Plan



TRANSPORTATION – COMMITTEE

- The Transportation Committee is made up of parents, staff, administration along with staff from The Toronto Student Transportation Group.
- Parent reps for tonight are:
 - Dan Antonios and Steph Chadda

TRANSPORTATION – WHO WE ARE - TSTG

- The **Toronto Student Transportation Group** was formed in 2011.
- The consortium is composed of both TCDSB and TDSB staff.
- We currently transport over 50,000 students in Toronto from junior kindergarten to grade 12 to and from school every day.
- We are currently providing transportation for 2 major school relocations.
 - Avondale PS – Yonge & Sheppard
 - St John the Evangelist – Weston & Lawrence



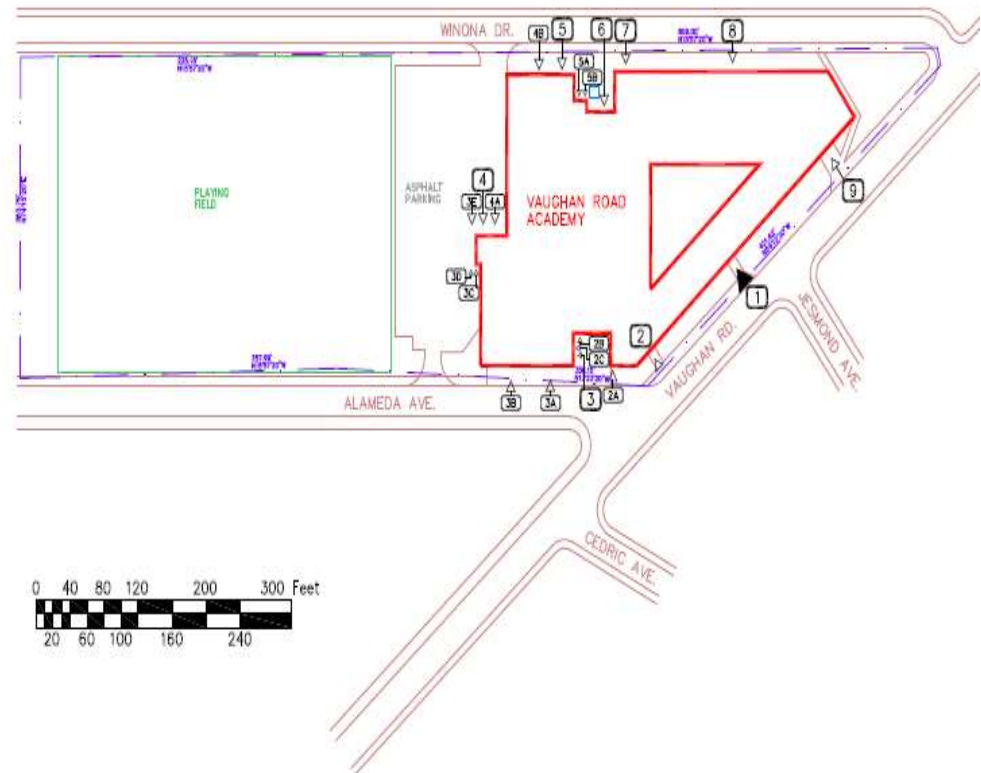
TRANSPORTATION – BUSSING

Status of the bus plan – drop-off & pick-up locations and schedules:

School staff have reviewed current operations at other schools. The lessons learned are being incorporated into a bus transfer strategy that is appropriate for the DAVISVILLE/ SPECTRUM community.

There have been 3 full committee meetings with parents and staff, and one smaller working session to develop details of the Bussing Plan. We have listened to concerns and ideas from parents and staff and we have modified the stops each time. We have discussed safety measures for both the morning and afternoon routes.

Safety is paramount and at the heart of all decisions.



TRANSPORTATION – WHAT TO EXPECT GOING TO SCHOOL

- Students should arrive at the bus stop **at least 5 minutes** prior to scheduled pick up time.
- Students should form a **single line** to enter the bus allowing younger students to enter first.
- Parents/caregivers may help their child onto first step but should never enter the bus and exit the door area quickly to allow other students to access the bus.
- Kindergarten students should sit at the front of the bus, older students towards the back.
- Younger students sit three to a seat, older students sit two to a seat.
- **Students are only allowed to utilize the school bus you are assigned and if you miss the bus, parents/caregivers will be responsible to get their children to school.**

TRANSPORTATION – WHAT TO EXPECT WHILE TRAVELING ON THE BUS

- Parents/caregivers are encouraged to review the school bus safety rules with their children prior to school start.
- Failure to follow the school bus safety rules may result in suspension from transportation or the removal from transportation permanently. Wait at the designated stop in a safe place well back from the side of the road.
- Remember the danger zone around the bus. The danger zone is anywhere close enough to the bus to touch it. The bus driver cannot see you when you are in the danger zone.
- The bus driver is there to drive the bus safely and student misbehaviour may impact everyone's safety.
- Once arriving at the school all students are received by school staff and ushered inside the fence to the appropriate school areas.

TRANSPORTATION – WHAT TO EXPECT WHILE RETURNING FROM SCHOOL

- School staff will put the students on their assigned bus at the end of the school day.
- Parents/caregivers should review with their children the associated colour/animal/number that the student is assigned to ensure they board the correct bus.
- When the bus arrives at the drop off the older children who do not require supervision will depart first followed by the younger children.
- **Important:** The driver will ask students with a purple tag if they see their parent/caregiver at the stop before they are released. Parents/caregivers should come to the door when seeing their child and move away quickly to avoid congestion at the door.
- If the child does not see their parent/caregiver then the driver will take them to the designated local holding school.

TRANSPORTATION – SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- School bus is the safest travel mode to get students to and from school.
- Seat belts are not required on large capacity school bus as they are designed differently than the general passenger vehicle with safety features like compartmentalization, shatter proof glass, and high back energy absorbing seats.
- **Purple equals parent program** (purple tags on the students backpack) is designed to ensure all students are safely delivered to their after school parent/caregiver.
- A school bus safety program will be delivered at the school for all students before the end of this school year to review school bus safety.
- Each child assigned to a bus will have a tag that matches a picture in their school bus window.
- Other school bus safety related information can be found on our safety page on our website at www.torontoschoolbus.org.

TRANSPORTATION – SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

- In order to drive a school bus our school bus operators are required to hire and train drivers based on a specific set of criteria over and above that which is required by the Ministry of transportation.
- Initial training:
 - Awareness of sensitivity for Special Needs Students & AODA Requirements
 - Awareness of racial and Ethnocultural Issues (Human Rights)
 - First Aid, Epipen
 - Bus Evacuation, Accident Procedures, Fire Extinguisher
 - Student Management, Maintaining Bus Discipline (Conflict Management)
 - Lost Child, Late Bus, Late Parent, Child Check, and Ride Refusals Procedures, Authorized Stops
 - Defensive Driving
 - Dealing with Street Cars and Traffic Management
 - Restraint Systems – How to secure and release students in restraints
 - Purple Equals Parent Program

TRANSPORTATION – SCHOOL BUS DRIVER Con't

- Annual Refreshers:
 - Student Management, Bus Discipline
 - Human Rights and Racial Ethno Cultural Issues
 - Bus Evacuation, Accident Procedures
 - EpiPen
 - Lost Child, Late Bus, Late Parent, Ride Refusals, Child Check, and Authorized Stops
- Every Three Years:
 - Defensive Driving
 - First Aid

TRANSPORTATION – YOUR SCHOOL BUS RUNS

- Students will be transported on large capacity school buses.
- Pickup and drop off times are set and available for review on side wall (see large posters).
- Pick up and drop off times may vary depending on traffic, road conditions etc.
- Parents should sign up on the Transportation Portal (on the consortium website) to receive notification of late buses.
- All buses are now equipped with GPS and in conjunction with new software ready for 2018-2019 school year there will be additional functionality with a **'where's my bus' app** which should be available in January 2019 for use.

TRANSPORTATION – OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

- **Inclement Weather** – we rarely cancel transportation in the city of Toronto but if service is cancelled it is for the entire system and announced via local media, the School Board, and the Consortium website. If subscribed to the transportation portal you will also receive notification.
- Parents always have the right to keep their children at home if they feel the weather will negatively impact the trip to and from school.
- **Before/After Care bussing** – will be provided at extended hours to service students who utilize the before and after care program. One early morning bus and two late afternoon buses will be available for those students wishing to utilize this service. Families will fill out their request with the before and after care provider. This information will be shared with the school so that each student can be assigned to their bus.

TRANSPORTATION – CONTACT US

- Any general questions around student transportation can be directed to the transportation consortium at **416-394-4BUS** or **416-394-4287** or via email at transportation@torontoschoolbus.org
- Transportation for Davisville/Spectrum will be delivered by Stock Transportation (West Division) and specific inquires can be made with them at **416-244-5341**
- For information about student transportation services please visit our website at www.torontoschoolbus.org

STAFFING UPDATE

- Administration
- Aquatic Staff

CHILDCARE

- Relocation of Before and After School Program:
 - Space identified
 - Ministry Requirements
 - Public Health
 - Licensing

TRANSITION:

A Transition Team of school staff and parents has been established; the first meeting will be upcoming shortly. Active discussions around the necessary steps required to prepare the staff, students and parents for this period of relocation have taken begun.

CLOSING THE SCHOOL & PREPARING TO MOVE:

The existing school will close at the end of June, 2018. Administrative staff will continue their activity in the building until the end of the first week in July, after which the “Move” component of the project will begin.

The coordination of this activity has already begun with a Move Coordinator assigned - an inventory of the existing school and the identification of new locations at 529 Vaughan Road is underway.



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TRANSITIONS

- First meeting of the committee of parents and staff to be scheduled shortly.
- Discussions around a commemorative piece for the community is underway.
- We have secured the lumber from two trees (the knotty/naughty tree and the large silver maple) to be used in the new building (e.g., cutting boards for the snack program; a tree “cookie”); we will be reaching out to students, parents and staff for ideas about how to best use the rest of the lumber.
- A final “**celebration**” **day** will be discussed with the committee.
- We are looking to book an **Open House on Saturday, August 25th at 529 Vaughan** for interested families (stay tuned).
- We are in the process of working to get a visit for all staff by the end of June.

CONSTRUCTION

The project team is preparing for the start of construction. The timelines for Building Permits and other approvals are being finalized with the City of Toronto.

As we get closer to the start of work, the parent community as well as the immediate neighbors of the Davisville site will be informed as to the nature and timing of construction.

All work will be done per industry standards, and per the City guidelines for environmental protection, noise suppression and dust control.



THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

The project timeline was adjusted in 2017 to reflect the decision to relocate the school functions to 529 Vaughan Road.

- **July 2018:** Construction start – New replacement school
- **August 2018:** Demolition start – coordinated with existing summer programs at Child Care facilities
- **July 2020:** Construction is Substantially Complete
- **September 2020:** New Replacement School opens with completion of outdoor play areas





New School Development – overview looking north-west



New School Development – overview looking north-east

DEMOLITION

Saying goodbye – leaving the old school:

The current building is about to close. TDSB and the school community are mindful of the significance of this stage in the project. Photographs of the building both inside and out have been taken. In addition, active steps are being taken to identify what should be preserved and archived to retain a long term record of the school. This is an extension of something that has been done previously – an acknowledgement that this project is the latest in a series of replacement schools over time on this site.

The demolition permit for the existing school been applied for. The intent is to start remediation and removal of the existing building in late August, 2018, following the conclusion of summer programs in the building.



CLOSING 43 MILWOOD RD

- The building will officially become a construction site as of August 20, 2018.
- The internal work will be completed first, followed by the demolition of the building.
- We will be looking at creating a time capsule of some of the items currently in this building to put into this. Students and parents will be part of this process.
- We will be discussing a possible “last day celebration” with staff (stay tuned)

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

