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Dear Members of the West Preparatory Junior Public School Community:

If you have a child enrolled in West Prep, you already know that this is a safe, caring and vibrant school of 430 students. The staff is passionate about their students, celebrates the diversity of the community, and welcomes partnership with parents, who are so critical to education. The atmosphere at West Prep clearly demonstrates the belief that all children can learn and be successful.

In addition to the emphasis on academic excellence, West Prep has an Enriched Arts Program that includes; music, drama, dance, band, strings, flute ensemble, recorders, ORF and choir. West Prep students have been increasing their physical activity since joining Toronto Schools on the Move and participate in a variety of Toronto District Elementary Schools Athletic Association sports including track and field, hockey, volleyball, soccer and baseball. School Council runs a comprehensive After Four Program and there is an independently-run daycare in the school.

West Prep continues to look for additional ways to expand opportunities for students. In fact, starting in September 2011 there will be an after-school Hebrew School offered on Tuesday evenings to West Prep students as well as other interested children living in the community.

I need you to know in no uncertain terms that despite rumours to the contrary, West Prep is not closing. In fact, plans are already in the works for the 75th anniversary of the school in 2015!

West Prep has my complete support and I will be continuing to work with Principal John Hunter and School Council to ensure it has the supports and resources it needs to continue its tradition of excellence and belief in supporting the health and wellbeing of the whole child.

If you are considering this wonderful school, please note that kindergarten registration has already begun. Please call the school at 416 393-1633 for more information or to speak directly with Principal John Hunter. If you are looking for an insider's view of the school, Mr. Hunter can also connect you with a West Prep parent.

As always, I welcome your questions and thank you for your continued support of our public schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelley Laskin".

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