



April 10, 2019

Dear Davisville/Spectrum Parents/Guardians, Staff and Community:

Re: Timing of Construction Completion

As I noted in my Update of February 18, 2019 (<https://t.e2ma.net/message/mc8ipc/qb246x>), the Ministry of Education finally gave us “Approval to Proceed” to the construction phase of the new Davisville/Spectrum Public School. I noted that this meant that the General Contractor, Percon Construction Inc., could now contact their sub-trades and revisit their schedule. The Board awarded the contract to Percon at the October 2018 Board meeting, but was not able to enter into the contract with Percon until Approval to Proceed was granted by the Ministry. This did not occur until February 15, 2019.

On April 4, 2019 staff received a letter from Percon confirming the construction schedule – I was deeply disappointed to understand, and now share with you, that Percon has advised they need 2 years to complete the project. During last week staff had tried to see if the timeline could be accelerated and unfortunately it cannot. Again, the reason for the delay in occupancy date is because we are starting later than scheduled. Recall that if construction had started after tender closed last fall, we would have opened in September 2020 as scheduled; since we are now starting in April 2019, contract completion now shifts to Spring of 2021.

I wanted to get this out to you as soon as possible – I know many of you assumed the project would be delayed as you watched the months slip by with no word and no provincial approval – but that doesn't negate the disappointment, anger and frustration and I understand that as frankly, I feel the same way and my children are not bussed to and from school every day.

I have asked staff to set up a meeting, so we can review the construction schedule in more detail with you, ensure a plan to keep you updated, review the new school and answer your questions and concerns. Principal Farrelly has noted Davisville had a regularly scheduled School Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 16 – please hold that date for a community meeting directly following – from 7:15-9:00 pm at Hodgson Middle School. An invitation is attached with this letter.

On the positive side, demolition went well, and that contract is completed. Percon, the General Contractor for the new build has been mobilizing on site (see photos on page 3) and is expecting the equipment and materials to begin shoring on site Thursday or Friday. The shoring work is the first step prior to excavation for the parking garage which will be the first phase of construction.

Again, as the work proceeds we will confirm the nature and timing of construction through updates that will be posted on the school's website <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/davisville/>; click on "The New Build". There is also a link to the parent page at <https://davisvilleparents.com/redevelopment/> and we will be getting quarterly construction reports which will be posted.

We understand construction will have an impact on neighbours. And I can confirm one piece of good news that the current rusty fence on the east side of the existing property will be replaced with a wooden privacy fence as requested through consultation with the Millwood residents. It should also be acknowledged that all work will be done per industry standards, and per the City guidelines for environmental protection, noise suppression and dust control.

I look forward to working together over the next two years to continue to resolve issues regarding bussing and at the temporary school location at 529 Vaughan Rd.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday and addressing any questions that will not be answered through the presentation.

Regards,



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