

BLOOR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

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Good afternoon Bloor CI and ALPHA II students and parents/guardians,

We wanted to provide you with an update on the new Bloor CI project, as well as the temporary relocation of Bloor CI and ALPHA II students and staff to Central Technical School as of September 2021.

Status of the New Bloor CI/ALPHA II Replacement School Project

At this time, the TDSB anticipates that construction on the new Bloor CI will begin in the spring of 2021. The project is in the process of receiving Approval to Proceed (ATP) from the Ministry of Education and will be issued for tender once ATP is granted. On October 31, 2020, TDSB staff met with Ministry staff who confirmed that the project was proceeding through the approval process.

This project has received Notice of Approval Conditions (NOAC), which is the first of the two-stage site plan approval process for the City of Toronto. The TDSB can now apply for Building Permits, meaning that we could be in a position to go to tender in the new year, once ATP from the Ministry is received.

A number of factors, including COVID-19 related delays to Ministry and City approval processes, have influenced the Bloor CI project timeline. **At this time, the anticipated date for project completion is Fall 2023.**

Project Funding and Budget

As a result of additional work (e.g. underground parking) and Toronto-specific cost pressures, the estimated project cost for the new Bloor CI school is more than the funding allocated by the Ministry. TDSB staff have submitted an updated cost consultant report to the Ministry as part of the ATP submission.

Timing with the Developer

The developer who purchased the Bloor-Dufferin TDSB property has agreed to allow the TDSB to remain in the building until the end of the 2020-21 school year. **This means that Bloor CI and ALPHA II students can complete the 2020-21 school year at the current site.** The TDSB will then have until July 31, 2021 to vacate the site.

Relocation to Central Technical School


Starting at the end of June 2021 and into the summer months, TDSB staff will begin moving furniture and equipment from Bloor CI to Central Tech. **When the new school year begins in September 2021, Bloor CI and ALPHA II students and staff will attend school at Central Tech.**

Renovations to Central Tech to accommodate the Bloor CI and ALPHA II students are scheduled to begin in the new year. The renovations include room refreshes and science lab retrofits. We anticipate that this work will be tendered in early spring 2021, with construction starting in the late spring and continuing over the summer.

In the coming weeks, we will begin reaching out to students, staff and parents/guardians of both schools to re-establish the School Relocation Working Group to ensure a smooth and successful transition and relocation.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and cooperation as we work through this long-awaited project. We will continue to share updates throughout the process. If you have any questions about the new school or the relocation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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