

Questions & Answers

1. Why and when will Bloor CI and Alpha II schools be relocated?

Bloor CI and Alpha II schools will be temporarily relocated because the present school building has to be vacated by September 2021. All members of the schools will be moving to Central Technical School in September 2021. Bloor CI and Alpha II will remain at their current location for the current and the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Last April, we informed you that both schools will be relocated in September 2020. What has changed?

The TDSB planned for both schools to be relocated in September 2020 because Capital Developments, the developer who purchased the Bloor CI site, required the building to be vacated by the end of December 2020 and the new replacement school building would not be ready for occupancy by that time.

However, the Developer recently exercised its right to extend the closing date on the property until December 2021 and supported the option for the TDSB to remain in the building until the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Early in November, TDSB staff met with the School Advisory Councils at Bloor CI and Alpha II to discuss the timing for the relocation of the schools. The Councils expressed the view that they would prefer students to remain at the current Bloor CI building for the additional year. As a result, TDSB staff is advising to postpone the relocation of both schools to Central Technical School until September 2021 (pending approval by the Board of Trustees in winter 2020).

3. Will this impact the construction of the replacement school?

No, the change in timing will not impact the schedule for the construction of the new replacement school.

4. When will the new school building be finished?

TDSB staff estimates that the construction of the replacement school will take a minimum of two years to complete. Based on current information, students of Bloor CI and Alpha II will move to the new school building in September 2022.

5. Who will be moving to Central Technical School?

All students, teachers, guidance counsellors and support staff, along with their principal and vice-principals will be moving together to Central Tech.

6. Why was Central Technical School selected?

Central Technical School was chosen as a temporary school building to accommodate the students of Bloor CI and Alpha II because it is conveniently located on the Bloor-Danforth subway line, just 2.5 km to the east of the existing school. The school has ample space available and features a number of facilities that will support and enhance Bloor CI and Alpha II programming.

7. Will Bloor CI and Alpha II students be in a separate wing?

Our intention is to group Bloor CI and Alpha II classrooms in one location within the Central Technical School building. Depending on the nature of students' course selection, there will be travel to other parts of the facility.

8. Will Bloor CI and Alpha II programming be impacted during the temporary relocation?

The staff at Bloor CI and Alpha II, along with TDSB staff, will work together to minimize disruption to students and continue to provide the best programming and co-curricular activities possible.

9. Will there be opportunities for students and the school community to provide input?

Yes. The schools will be forming a Relocation Committee to assist with the transition and advise us on how to make the relocation successful.

10. How will students and parents be informed about the transitions both out of the school and back into the new school?

We will update the Bloor CI, Alpha II and Central Tech websites when new information becomes available. Principals will also continue to use regular communication channels with parents and students attending each school.

11. Who should I contact if I have questions regarding the transition?

Please contact Principal Arnott for Bloor CI and Alpha II questions; and/or, Principal Edwards for Central Tech questions.

12. Who should I contact if I have concerns about my child in relation to this transition?

Please speak to your child's teachers, guidance counsellor, vice-principal or principal.