

Toronto District School Board

Update on Hodgson MS Addition

May 17, 2021



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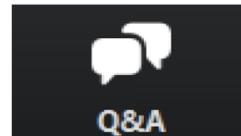
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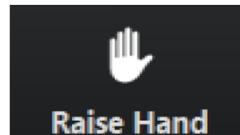
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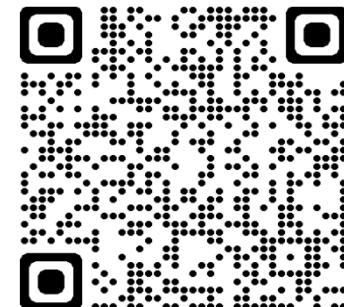
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Agenda

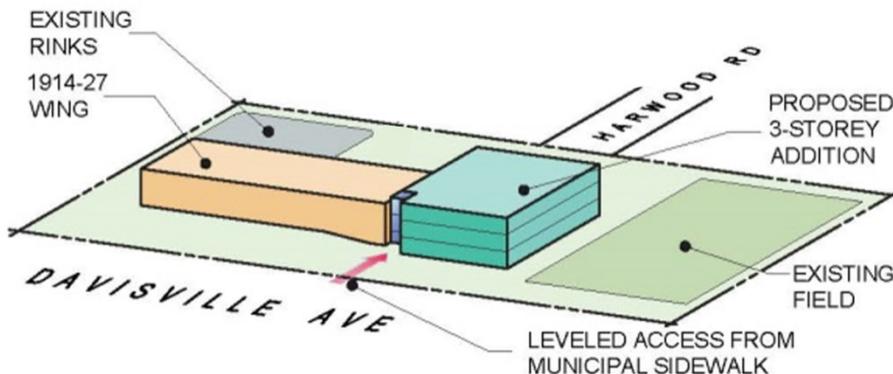
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| 1. | Welcome and Introductions | Andrew Howard Superintendent |
| 2. | Opening Remarks | Rachel Chernos Lin Trustee, Ward 11 Shelley Laskin Trustee, Ward 8 |
| 3. | Recap of May 3 Meeting | Andrew Gowdy System Planning Officer |
| 4. | Plan for Transporting Students | Kevin Hodgkinson General Manager |
| 5. | Next Steps | Andrew Howard Superintendent |
| 6. | Questions and Answers | All |
| 7. | Wrap-up and Adjournment | Andrew Howard Superintendent |

Recap of May 3 Meeting

Andrew Gowdy

Recap

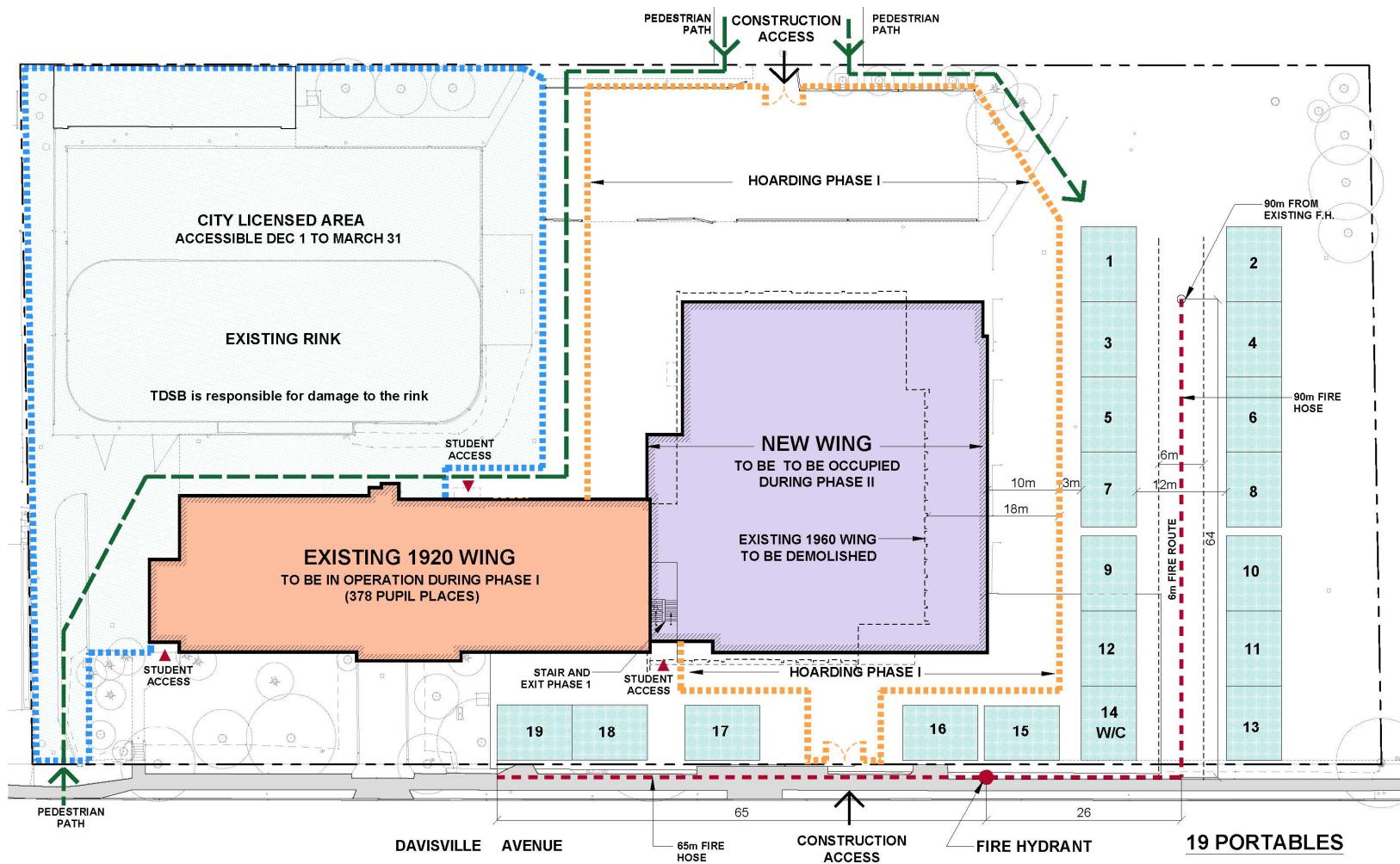
- This project is required to accommodate enrolment growth in the Yonge and Eglinton area.
- In August 2020, the Ministry of Education approved a larger addition than first proposed to address the increase in developments proposed for the area and the increase in families moving into existing buildings.
- Out of three options explored, the Ministry approved and funded Option 3: Hybrid option - demolition of 1960s wing, new replacement wing, and renovation of 1914-27 wing.



Recap Continued

- The expanded and renovated school will have a capacity of 838 pupil places.
- Enrolment is projected to grow each year. Additional portables will be required.
- There are currently 9 portables on-site. It is forecast that 19 portables will be required by 2025-26.
- We heard in 2018 that there was a preference from the community for the students to remain on-site during construction.
- We looked at what it would mean to have students remain on-site:
 - site configuration to accommodate construction area and portables
 - impact on health and safety
 - impact on program for students
 - impact on timelines for the project

Recap Continued

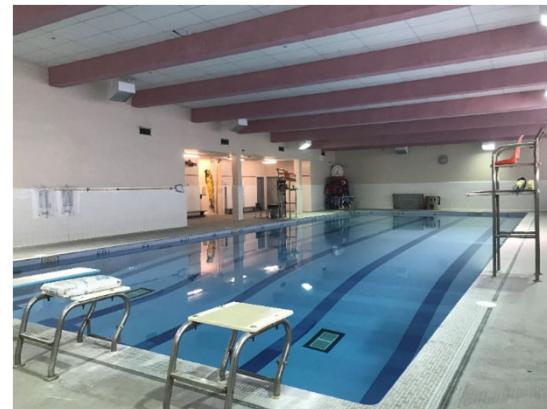


Recap Continued

- Keeping students on-site during construction is not possible.
- Relocating students beginning in September 2022 is the safest option and has the following advantages:
 - Eliminates risk to student safety due to construction
 - All students will be accommodated within a physical building
 - All students will have access to a full program in a range of specialized classrooms and other amenities like a large gymnasium, cafetorium, pool, etc.
 - All students will have opportunities for a wide range of extra-curricular activities
 - Allows the project to be completed in a shorter time period and minimizes disruption to neighbours
 - Allows for the existing building to be fully integrated with the new systems of the addition.

Recap Continued

- The 529 Vaughan Road building has been identified as the holding school for Hodgson MS during construction.
- There is space to accommodate all students and to continue their program.
- The building offers a full range of facilities such as a swimming pool, two full-sized gymnasiums, an auditorium for assemblies and concerts, a large library, and science labs.
- The building and field were refreshed to receive Davisville Jr. PS / Spectrum Alt. Sr. PS in 2018.
- No health and safety risks to students or staff due to an active construction site.



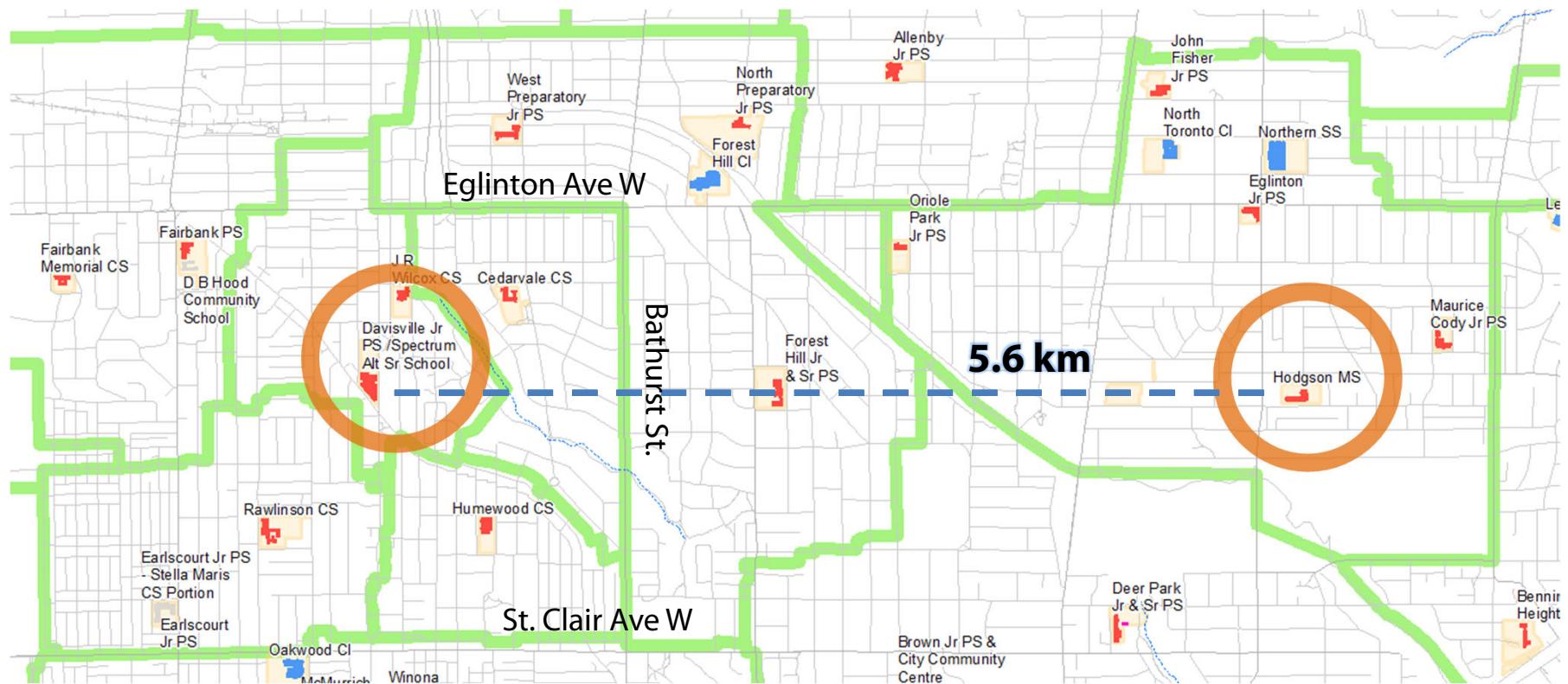
Answers to Previously Received Questions

- Many questions have been received since the May 3 meeting. Answers have been provided through a Q&A document posted on the Accommodations Review website.
- The questions have been on a number of themes such as the construction of the new addition and accommodation options. Most of the questions have been about transportation.
- The next section of the presentation is on the plan for transporting students and will address many of the questions received.
- The Q&A document will be updated over time as the questions are received.

Plan for Transporting Students

Kevin Hodgkinson

529 Vaughan Road – Location



- The 529 Vaughan Road building is located north of St Clair Avenue West south of Eglinton Avenue West and west of Bathurst Street.
- It is approximately 5.6 km from Hodgson MS.

Transportation Choice

- For September 2022, students/families will be able to choose to take a school bus or receive TTC tickets (students 12 years old and under travel free on TTC – older students will receive TTC tickets).
- The Hodgson attendance area has numerous TTC stops – some families may find TTC more convenient for them.
- School bus stops will be distributed throughout the Hodgson attendance area.
- Each school year, students/families will be able to choose their transportation option.

Bus Stops and TTC Stops



TTC Routes

- The 529 Vaughan Road building can be accessed by three different TTC routes.
- Line 5 (Crosstown LRT) is projected to be complete in the fall of 2022, providing a rapid-transit corridor along Eglinton Avenue.



Transportation Considerations

- School bus service will most likely be a direct ride to and from the school (some routes could have two stops should numbers require it).
- The number of school busses required could reach as high as 19, requiring staggered pick-up and drop-off at the 529 Vaughan Road site. Currently only three school buses can fit in the school bus loading zone at one time.
- An early bus and late bus will be provided to support before and after school activities, five days a week.
- Students will be required to meet at central school bus stops.
- If students miss the school bus at their scheduled stop there are no additional busses.
- TTC may be a flexible option for some families.
- TTC can be accessed through a variety of TTC stops located throughout the neighbourhood.

Questions Received on Transportation

- How long is the commute?
- Will start times be changed to allow travel time?
- What happens when school busses are cancelled due to weather?
- What was Davisville's routine with respect to bussing so the Hodgson parents can have something to relate to?
- Are there any lessons learned from the Davisville experience?

Next Steps

Andrew Howard

Next Steps

- A report will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval to relocate Hodgson MS to the 529 Vaughan Road building in the fall 2021.
- An information meeting will be held in the fall 2021 to present the design of the Hodgson MS addition and renovation.
- An open house will be arranged in the fall 2021 for students and parents to visit 529 Vaughan Road.
- A survey will be conducted around March 2022 to determine each family's choice for transportation: school bus or TTC.
- In 2021-22, committees will be established involving Hodgson MS parents/caregivers and staff to ensure a smooth transition off-site during construction.
- Questions and comments can be emailed to TDSB staff and/or Trustees:
 - Staff email: accommodationreviews@tdsb.on.ca
 - Trustees' email: Rachel.ChernosLin@tdsb.on.ca
Shelley.Laskin@tdsb.on.ca

Questions and Answers

All panelists

Questions and Answers

- We will try to get to as many questions as possible during this time.
- To maximize the opportunity for questions, please be concise and respectful with your questions and feedback.
- If we don't get to your question, we will provide an answer through a Q&A document that will be posted on the website along with any other questions we receive after this meeting.

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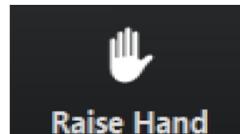
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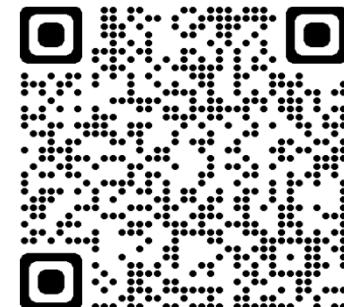
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Wrap-Up

- This presentation is available on the TDSB public website at www.tdsb.on.ca:
 - Click on **Accommodation Reviews** at the left side of the page
 - Scroll down to **Other Studies**
 - Select **Hodgson Middle School – New Addition**
- A Q&A document is on the **Accommodations Reviews** website noted above.



Adjournment

Thank you!