

Toronto District School Board

**Update on Relocation of
Hodgson MS to the 529
Vaughan Road Building**

May 9, 2023



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognise the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

Welcome and Introductions

Andrew Howard

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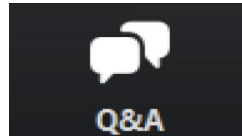
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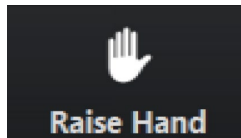
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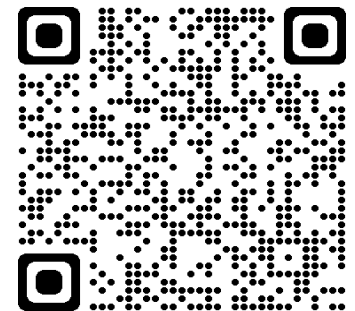
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Opening Remarks

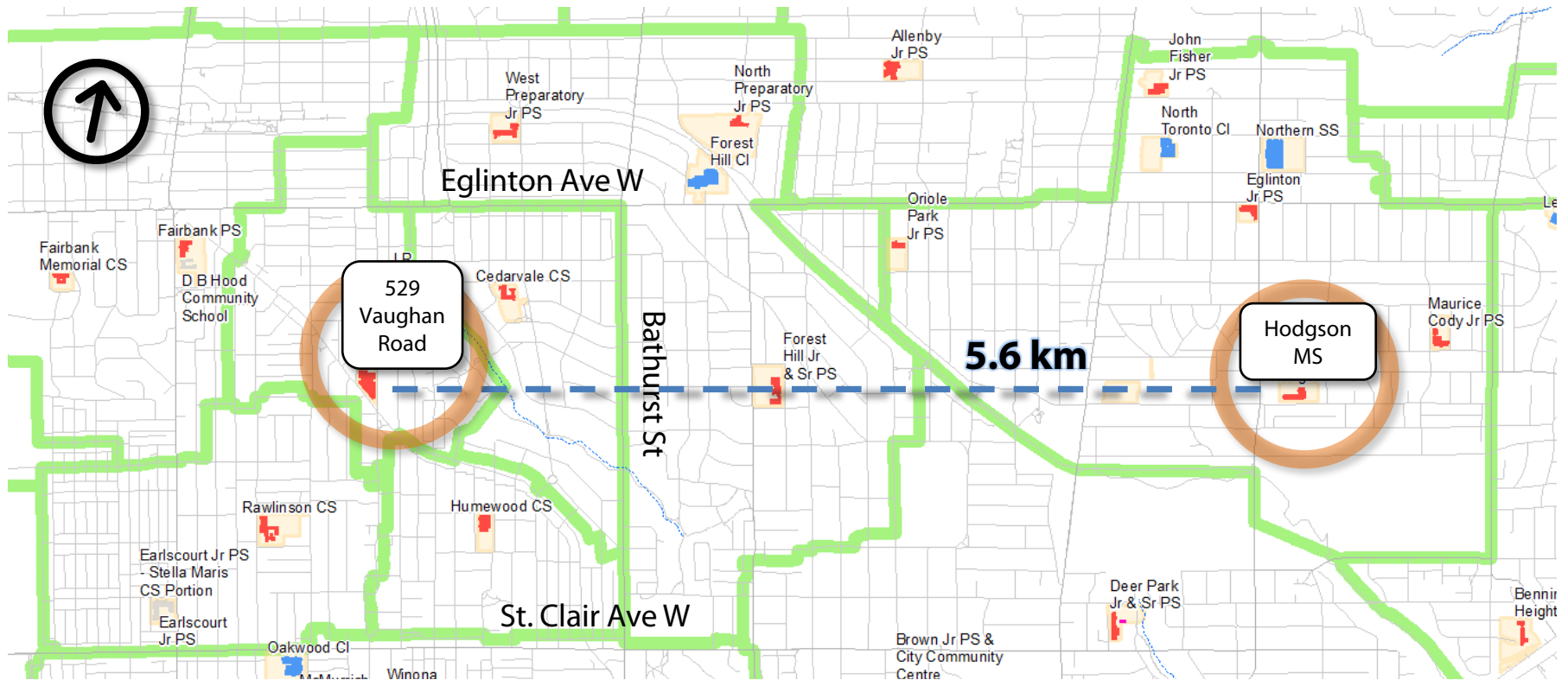
Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin and Trustee Shelley Laskin



Overview of the Vaughan Road Building

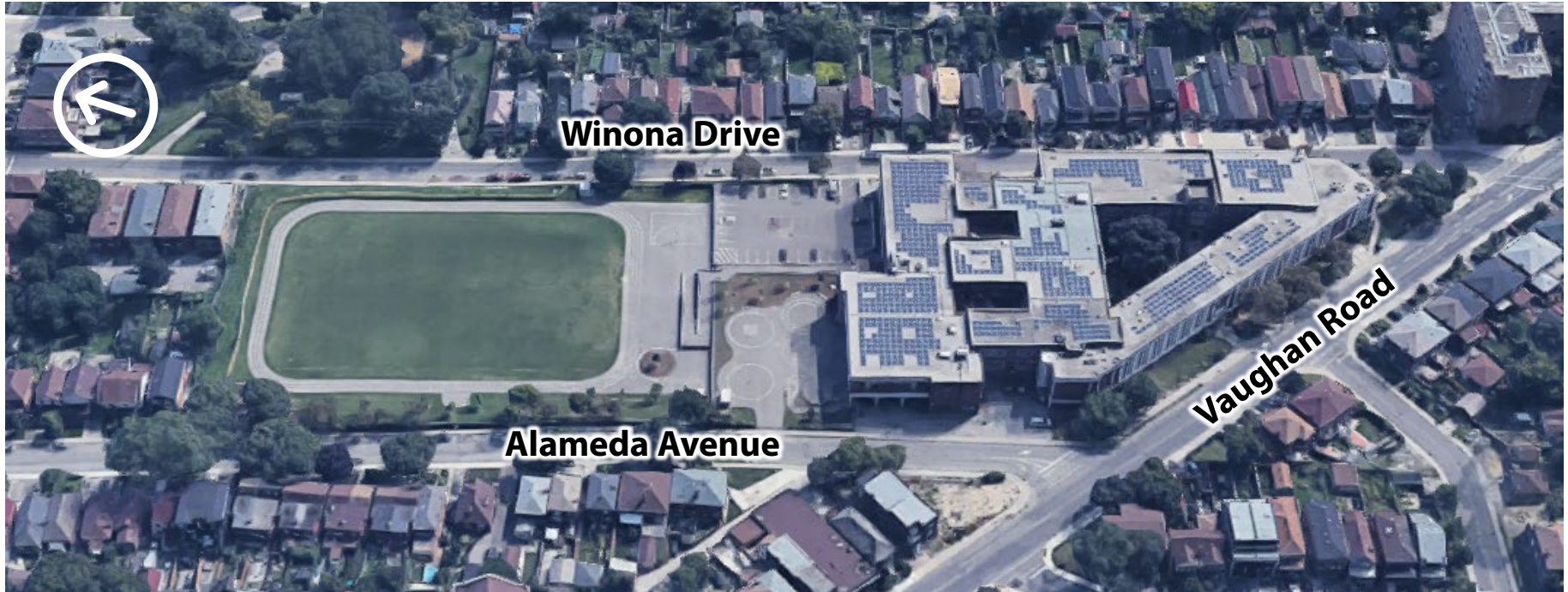
Andrew Gowdy

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.

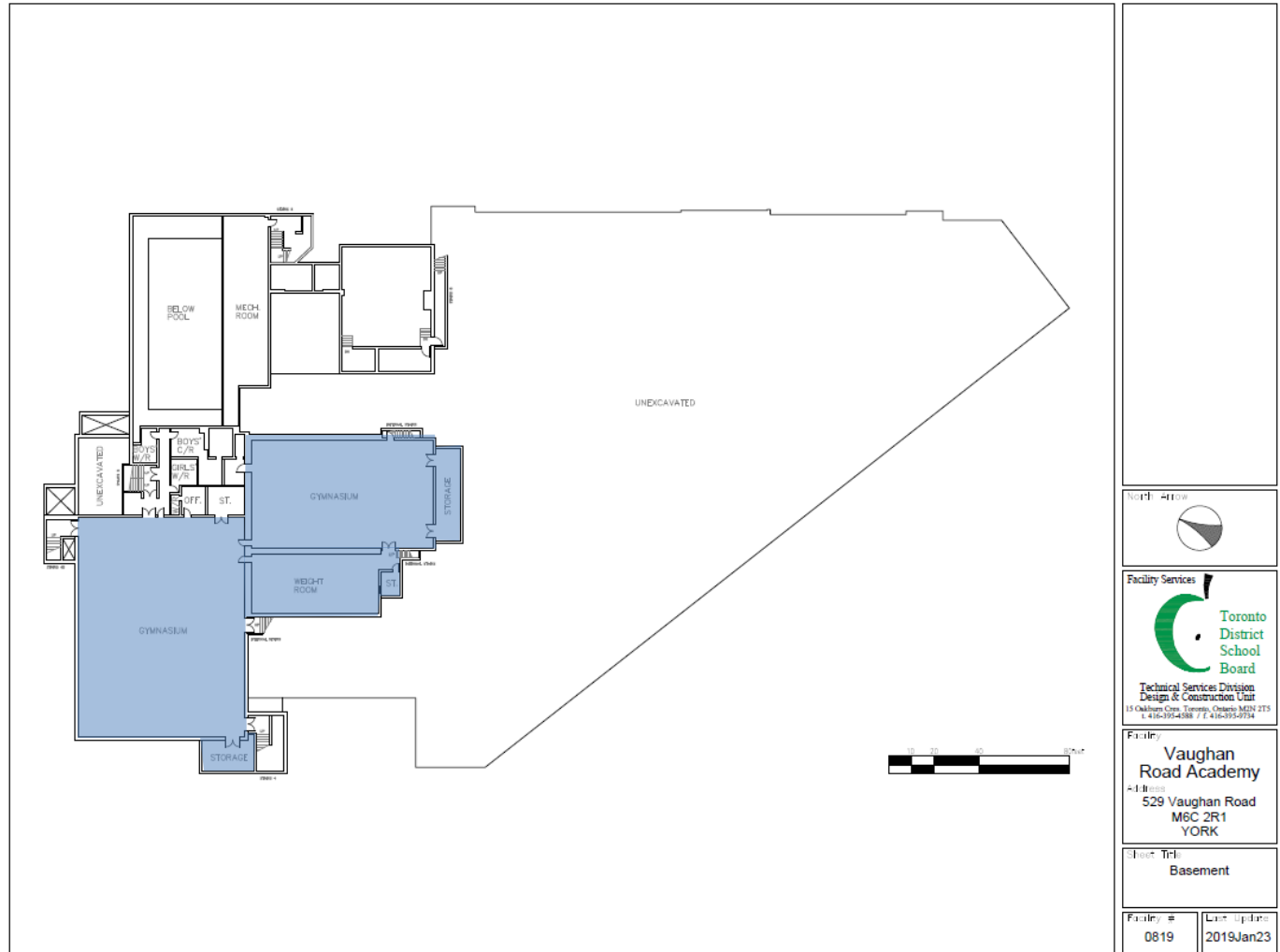
Site



- **Site size:** 5.36 acres
- **Capacity:** 1,221 pupil places
- **Facility size:** 183,211 square feet
- **Rooms:** 53 instructional rooms, 2 gyms, auditorium, cafeteria, pool
- **Lockers:** enough lockers for all Hodgson students (full-sized lockers)
- **Accessibility:** good – has accessible entrance and washroom, all floors are accessible by elevator

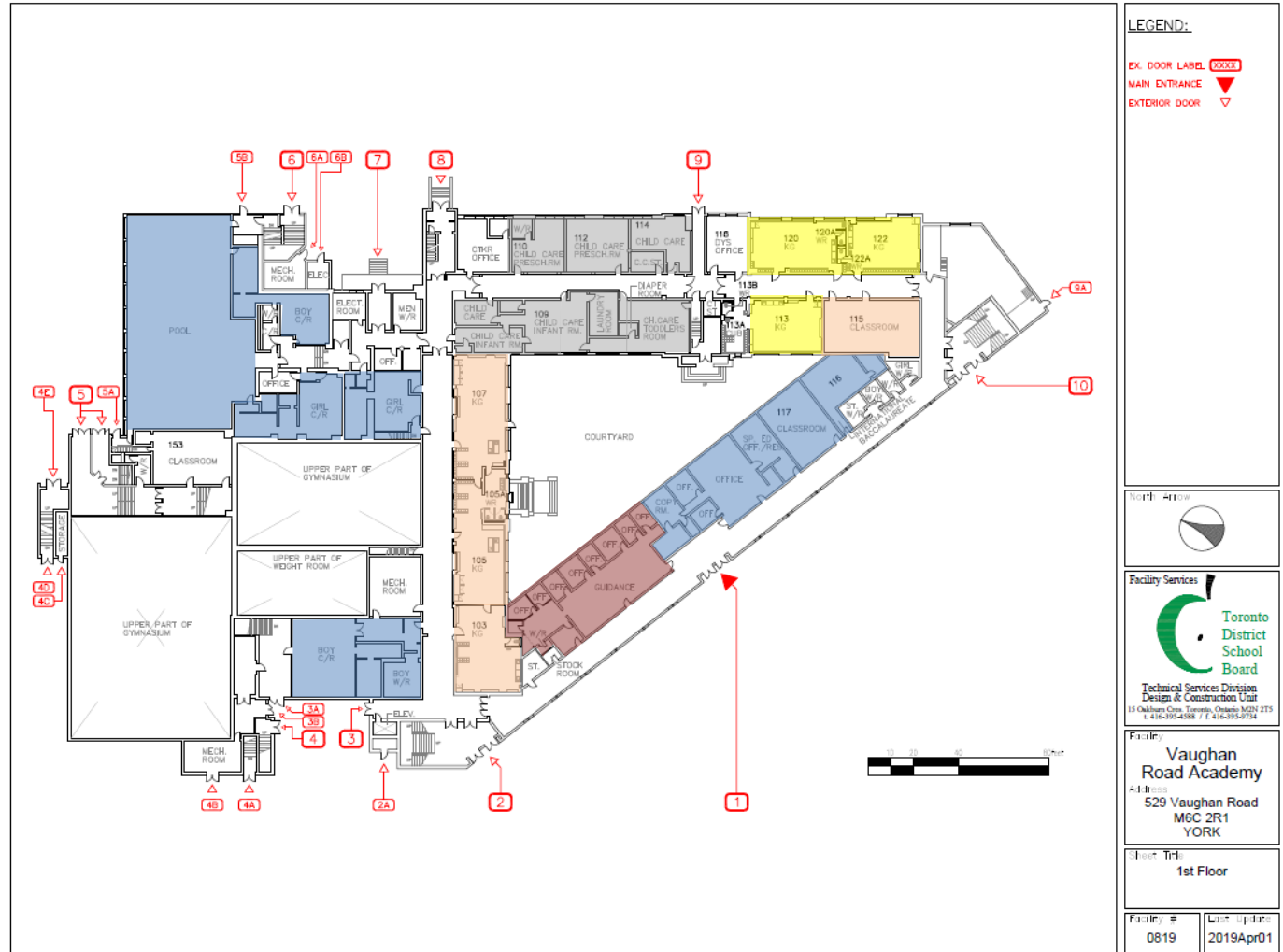
Basement

 Hodgson MS



1st Floor

- Hodgson MS
- Caring and Safe Schools Administration
- Storage for the Museum and Archives
- Child care centre
- Self-contained space to potentially be leased out



2nd Floor

 Hodgson MS



Vaughan
Road Academy
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529 Vaughan Road
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YORK

2nd Floor

Facility # 0819
Last updated 2019Jan23

3rd Floor

- Hodgson MS
- Self-contained space to potentially be leased out




Refresh of the Vaughan Road Building


Viktor Kuslikis

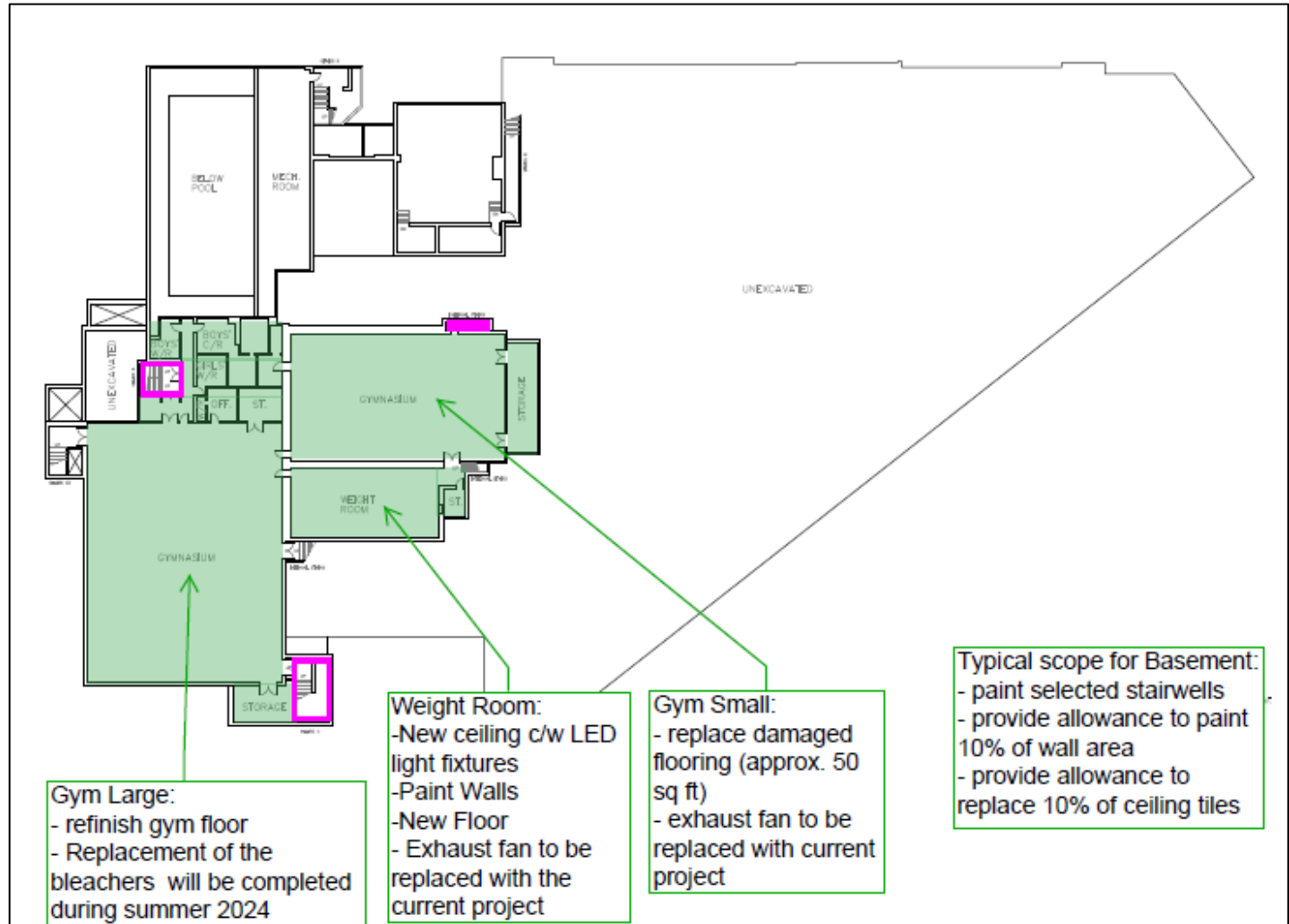
Summary of Improvements

- Pool wall repair – this project includes interior renovations in all change rooms, washrooms, and showers adjacent to the pool. The scope of work was issued for tender in April and construction should be completed by the end of the year.
- Ceiling replacement and interior finishes in the weight room – this project includes interior renovations in all change rooms, washrooms, and showers adjacent to Gym A, Gym B and the weight room. This scope of work was issued for tender in April and construction should be completed by September 2023.
- Carpet replacement in the library, painting in the server, library and stairways, and some miscellaneous items – work is in progress and will be completed by TDSB in-house teams by early June.

Basement Improvements

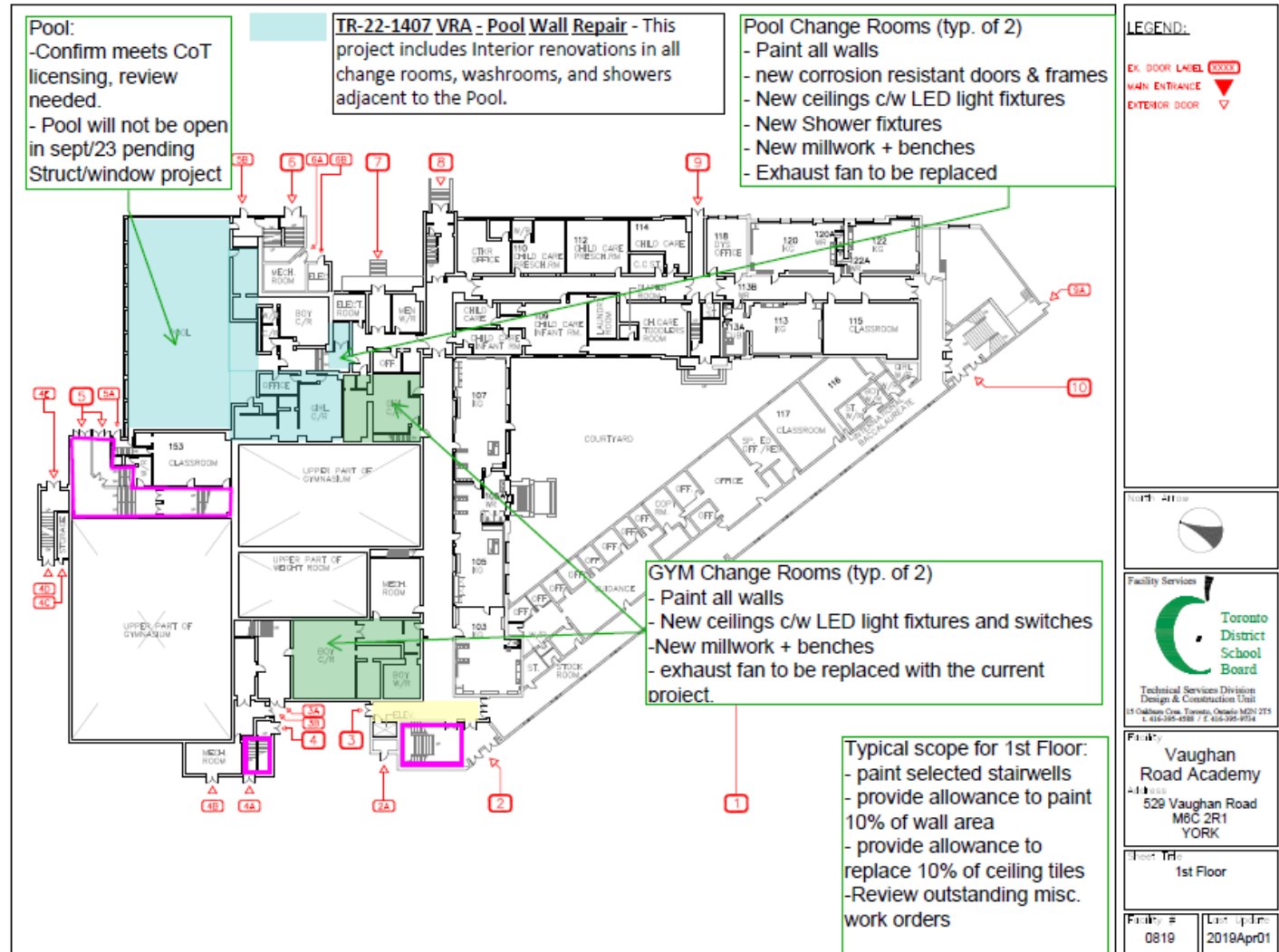
 Gym and weight room repairs

 Stairways – repair ceiling, walls and paint

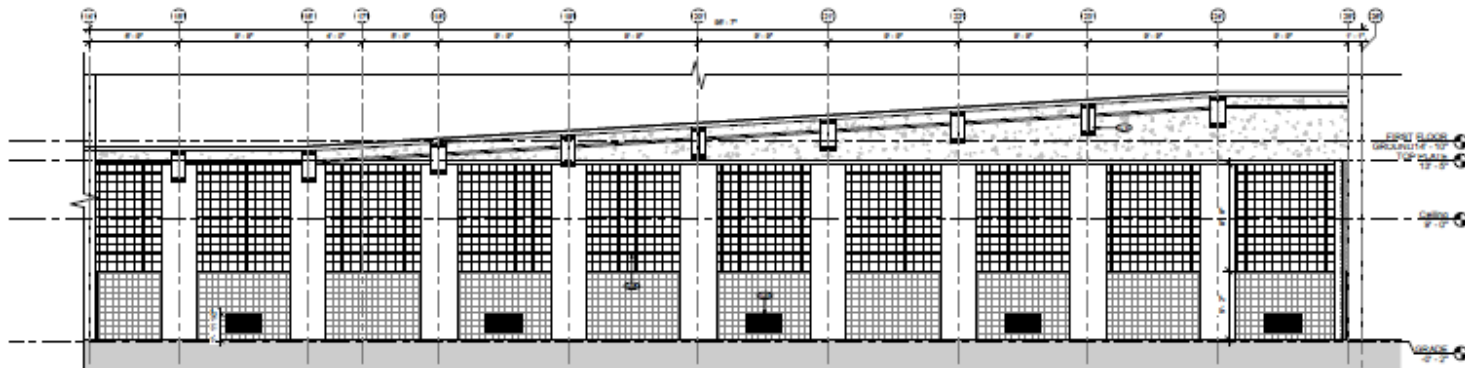


1st Floor Improvements

- Pool repairs
- Change room repairs
- Stairways – repair ceiling, walls and paint



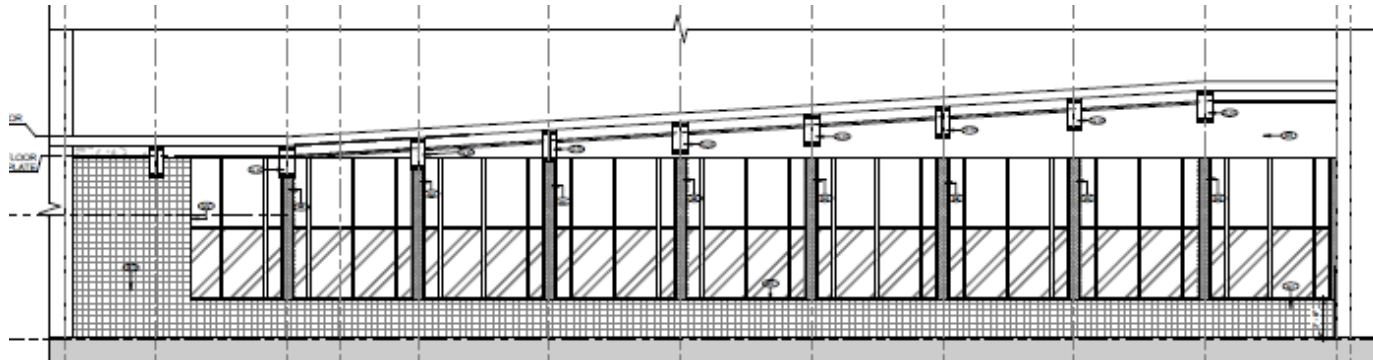
Pool Façade – Before



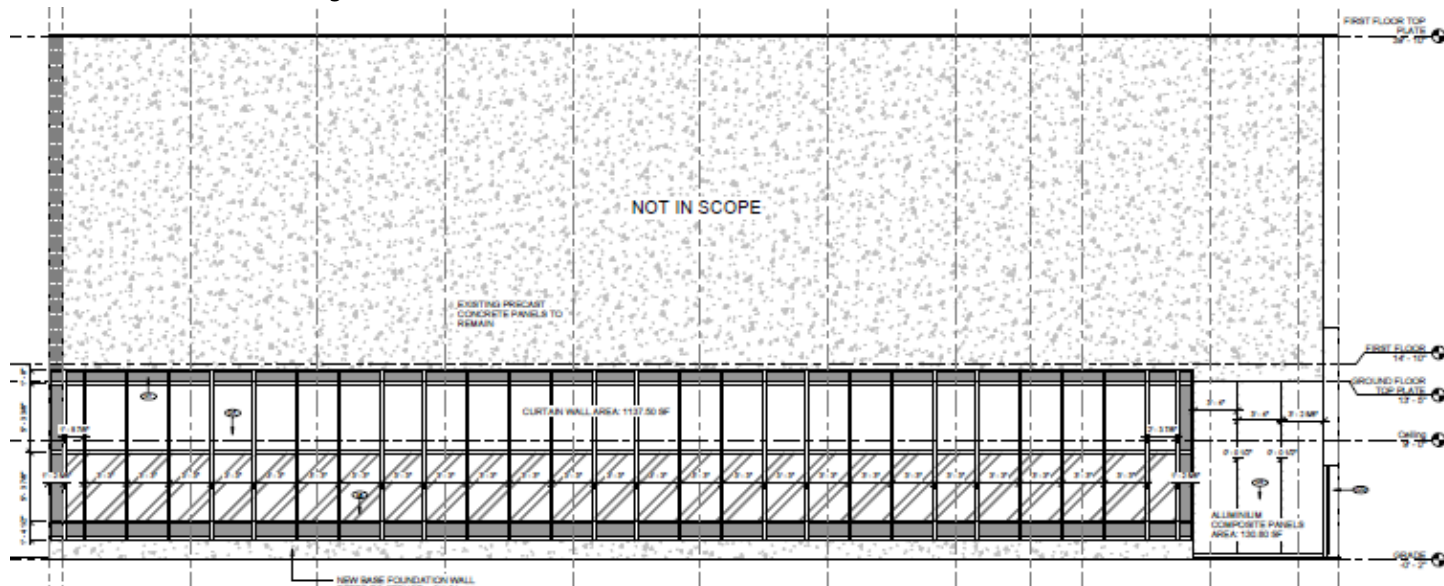
Existing Pool Elevations with Glass Block



Pool Façade – After

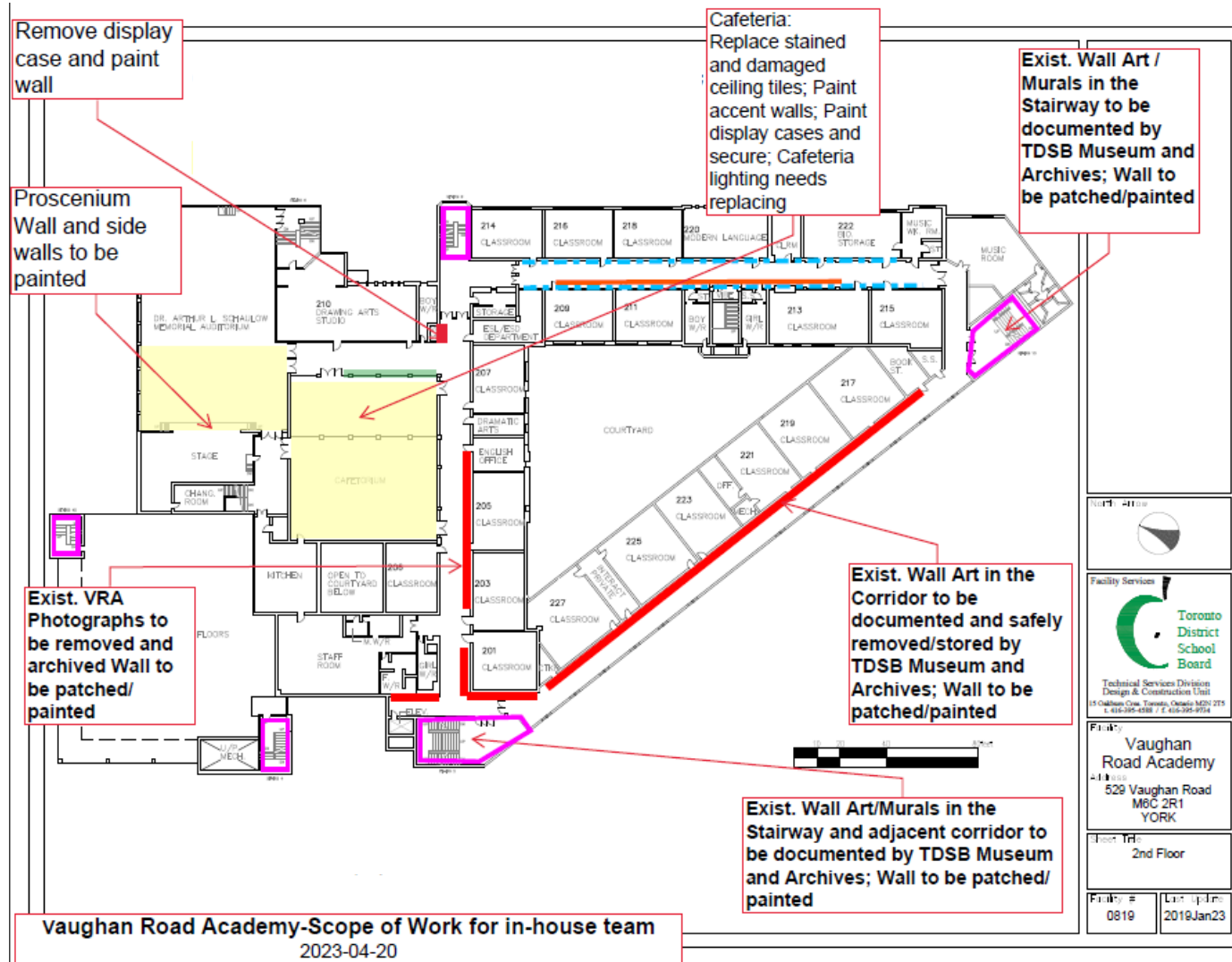


New Pool Façade








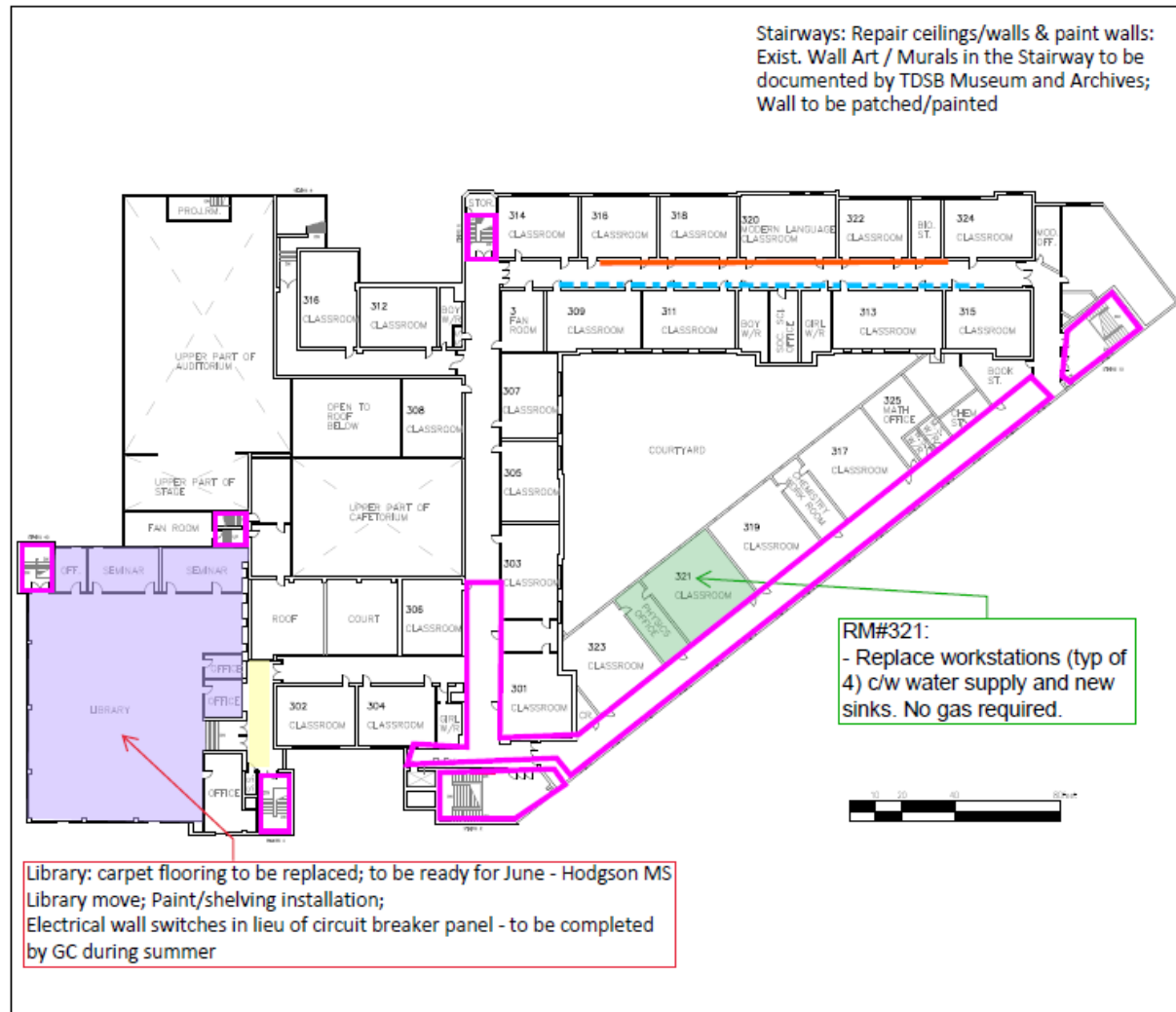
2nd Floor Improvements

- Paint walls
- Stairways – repair ceiling, walls and paint
- Remove coat hooks from the lockers in the corridors
- Wall bases to be repaired as required
- Paint display cases



3rd Floor Improvements

-  Library refresh
-  Paint walls
-  Stairways – repair ceiling, walls and paint
-  Remove coat hooks from the lockers in the corridors
-  Wall bases to be repaired as required



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Sheet Title
3rd Floor

Facility #
0819

Last update
2019Apr01

Library Refresh





Bike Racks for the Vaughan Road Building

Wanda Bozzo

Bike Racks

- A bike rack will be installed for September 2023. More can be installed based on demand.
- One bike rack will be located on Alameda Avenue, which is at the southwest side of the Vaughan Road building. The bike racks are relocatable.

Example bike rack



Alameda Avenue location





Move to the Vaughan Road Building

Shelly Maki

Move to the Vaughan Road Building

- The move of furniture and equipment from the Hodgson building to the Vaughan Road building will occur the week of July 10.
- The move will be completed by a professional mover.
- All classrooms will be set up by August 21.
- Teachers will be provided with time in May and June to pack.
- Boxes will be provided to teachers.
- The library will be relocated by June 6.
- Please ensure that all students have taken their personal items home as anything remaining at the Hodgson building after the move will be disposed of.

Transportation of Students to the Vaughan Road Building

Ellie Cameron

Transportation

Who We Are

- The **Toronto Student Transportation Group** was formed in 2011.
- The consortium is composed of both TCDSB and TDSB staff.
- We currently transport over 50,000 students in Toronto from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 to and from school every day.
- We are currently facilitating transportation services for 5 school relocations. The most recent TDSB relocations include:
 - Avondale PS
 - Davisville Jr PS



What to Expect Going to School

- Student Transportation forms must be completed and returned to the school for review and forwarding to our transportation email address:
 - studenttransportationapplications@tdsb.on.ca
- We will assign the stops based on the information provided in the survey and/or the closest stop if you did not take part in the survey.
 - Custody schedules will need to be provided and the two required stops entered on the form.
- Students should arrive at the bus stop **at least 5 minutes** prior to scheduled pick up time so that there is no delay.
- Students should form a single line in an orderly fashion and be respectful of others due to the volume of students utilizing the stop.
- Please also be respectful of the property surrounding the stops.

What to Expect Going to School

- Student load counts at stops, will determine the number of stops per route as well as the number of buses assigned to a stop.
- **Students are only allowed to utilize the school bus they are assigned and if they miss the bus, parents will be responsible to get their child to school.**
- Temporary changes cannot be accommodated.
- Students are transported from common stop to school and return.
 - There is no door to door service.
- The stop location at the school will be in the school bus loading zone on Vaughan Road.
 - School bus loading signs are in place along Vaughan Road in front of the building.

What to Expect While Travelling on the Bus

- Parents are encouraged to review the school bus safety rules with their children prior to school start.
- **Failure to follow the school bus safety rules may result in suspension from transportation or the removal from transportation permanently.**
- Wait at the designated stop in a safe place well back from the side of the road.
- Remember the danger zone around the bus. The danger zone is anywhere close enough to the bus to touch it. The bus driver cannot see you when you are in the danger zone.
- The bus driver is there to drive the bus safely and student misbehaviour may impact everyone's safety.

School Bus Driver

- In order to drive a school bus our school bus operators are required to hire and train drivers based on a specific set of criteria over and above that which is required by the Ministry of Transportation.
- Initial training:
 - Awareness of Sensitivity for Special Needs Students & AODA Requirements
 - Awareness of Racial and Ethnocultural Issues (Human Rights)
 - First Aid, EpiPen
 - Bus Evacuation, Accident Procedures, Fire Extinguisher
 - Student Management, Maintaining Bus Discipline (Conflict Management)
 - Lost Child, Late Bus, Late Parent, Child Check, Ride Refusals, Authorized Stop
 - Defensive Driving
 - Dealing with Street Cars and Traffic Management
 - Restraint Systems – How to Secure and Release Students in Restraints
 - Purple Equals Parent Program

School Bus Driver Continued

- Annual Refreshers:
 - Student Management, Bus Discipline
 - Human Rights and Racial Ethno Cultural Issues
 - Bus Evacuation, Accident Procedures
 - EpiPen
 - Lost Child, Late Bus, Late Parent, Ride Refusals, Child Check, and Authorized Stops
- Every Three Years:
 - Defensive Driving
 - First Aid

Your School Bus Runs

- Students will be transported on large capacity school buses.
- Pick up and drop off times will be set and available for distribution via email at the end June 2023 (or sooner if available).
- Pick up and drop off times may vary depending on traffic, road conditions, etc.
- Parents should sign up on the Transportation Portal (on the consortium website) to receive notification of late buses.
- All buses are now equipped with GPS and in conjunction with new software with additional functionality such as a **where's my bus app** which can be accessed through the parent portal.

Map of Stops

Hodgson PS Draft Relocation School Bus & TTC Stops



Legend

- ★ Proposed School Bus Stops
- 🚩 TDSB Schools
- TTC Stops
- Subway_Station_Stops
- School Boundaries
- CITY_GREEN_SPACE

Other Transportation Information

- **Inclement weather** – We rarely cancel transportation in the City of Toronto but if service is cancelled it is for the entire system and announced via local media, the School Board, and the Consortium website. If subscribed to the Transportation Portal you will also receive notification.
 - Parents always have the right to keep their children at home if they feel the weather will negatively impact the trip to and from school.
- **Early/late bus** – An early and late bus will be provided to cover extracurricular activities.
 - Further information will be provided once we have an understanding of the requirements, but no later than the end of June.
- **Student becomes ill at school** – Parent would be responsible to arrange for the student to return home.

Contact Us

- Any general questions around student transportation can be directed to the Transportation Consortium at **416-394-4BUS** or **416-394-4287** or via email at transportation@torontoschoolbus.org
- **Driver shortages** – As we have experienced driver shortages over the past year, carriers may need to run buses later than scheduled on occasion.
- For information about student transportation services please visit our website at www.torontoschoolbus.org



Potential Morning Meal, Lunch Program and Extracurriculars at the Vaughan Road Building

Wanda Bozzo

Potential Morning Meal

- We have applied to a City of Toronto Nutrition program for a grant – [City of Toronto](#), however we are not certain that it will be approved.
- Further, we have applied for [President's Choice Children's Charity](#), however we are not certain that it will be approved.
- Once we have heard from the 2 organizations, we will decide how to proceed. We will continue to inform the School Council as we have information to share.

Potential Lunch Program

- The Vaughan Road building has a large cafeteria.
- We will have a staggered lunch, therefore a Lunch A and a Lunch B schedule whereby half of the students eat for the first half hour while the others are outdoors and vice-versa.
- Students will be encouraged to eat lunch at school for the first 6 months.
- We are looking at our options of having a hot lunch on site. Nutrition Services will be going to the Vaughan Road building and looking at the scope of work with the possibility of providing hot lunches to our students while at this site in September.
- Discussion with the School Council also included the possibility of looking at a one day a week pizza lunch or alternates. This would need to be coordinated with the School Council.

Extracurriculars

- All sports and clubs are voluntarily coached/supervised by staff, therefore we hope to have the same, however we cannot confirm at this time.

Tour of the Vaughan Road Building

Wanda Bozzo

Tour of the Vaughan Road Building

- Parents, students and staff will be able to tour the Vaughan Road building on June 6 starting at 6:30 PM.
- Parents, students and staff can make their own way to the building or take a school bus from the Hodgson building.
- The busses will leave the Hodgson building at 5:45 PM.
- Staff will be present at the Hodgson building to lead guided tours. The tours will allow parents, students and staff to see classrooms and specialized spaces (e.g., library, cafeteria, science labs) and get a sense of the layout of the building and site.

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.

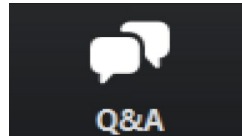
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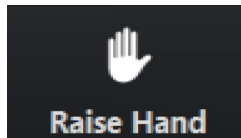
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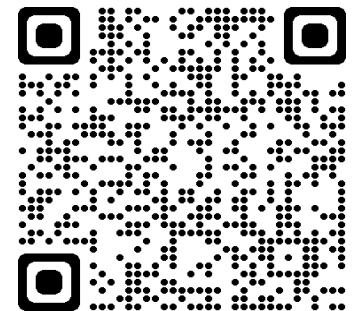
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Next Steps

Andrew Howard

Next Steps

- Parents will receive information from Student Transportation on bussing. Parents will need to fill out the Transportation Form and return it to the school.
- A tour of the Vaughan Road building will be held on June 6 starting at 6:30 PM. Parents can make their own way to the building or take a bus from Hodgson MS. The busses will leave at 5:45 PM.
- 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

Wrap-up and Adjournment

Andrew Howard

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!

