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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to you to share an important construction update regarding Hodgson Middle School. Since submitting the project to the City for Preliminary Plan Review (PPR) in April 2021, there have been some unforeseen site conditions that necessitated additional geotechnical studies before the final Site Plan Approval (SPA) application could be submitted. Experience has shown us that submitting a partial application to the City will impact review process and delay Site Plan approval.

The full Site Plan Approval (SPA) package has been submitted to the City of Toronto as of today. The SPA process is anticipated to take approximately twelve to eighteen months to complete from this date. As is often the case with the SPA applications, additional information regarding the new addition and the site may still be requested by the City. Typically, there are three to five circulations for SPA – whereby each City department (Transportation, Urban Forestry, Toronto Water for example) may request additional information or changes to the site design.




Given these longer review and approval timelines, the new anticipated date to relocate students to 529 Vaughan Road (former Vaughan Road Academy) to allow construction at the site has been delayed by approximately one year. The new anticipated relocation date is at the end of June 2023. This would allow the TDSB to start the renewal work planned for the existing building, as well as upgrading the heating in the building during the summer of 2023.

Below are two tables that show the grades impacted by the move to 529 Vaughan Road with the revised timelines. Please note, these timelines may be affected by delays arising from COVID-19 or the approval process.

Anticipated Timelines:

School Year	Grade									
	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2021-22					JS	JS	JS	H	H	H
2022-23						JS	JS	H	H	H
2023-24							JS	VR	VR	VR
2024-25								VR	VR	VR
2025-26									H	H
2026-27										H

Legend:

	Status Quo at Hodgson MS (282 Davisville Avenue)	JS - Junior School
	Holding Period at 529 Vaughan Road	H - Hodgson MS (282 Davisville Avenue)
	Hodgson MS Construction Project Complete	VR - 529 Vaughan Road

Anticipated Number of Years Each Grade Will be at 529 Vaughan Road:

Current Grade 3 students:	will be at 529 Vaughan Road for 1 year
Current Grade 4 students:	will be at 529 Vaughan Road for 2 years
Current Grade 5 students:	will be at 529 Vaughan Road for 2 years
Current Grade 6 students:	will be at 529 Vaughan Road for 1 year
Current Grade 7-8 students:	no impact – will not be at 529 Vaughan Road

With health and safety of students and staff a top priority at Hodgson Middle School we will continue to monitor the project as it progresses and continue to update the community.

I want to thank you in advance for your understanding. More information will be shared in the coming months. I know we all agree that the end result will bring many benefits to our students now and for many years to come. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns at maia.puccetti@tdsb.on.ca or 416-393-8780.

Sincerely,



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