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Vaughan Rd.

# Rachel Chernos Lin

Trustee, Ward 11

# Shelley Laskin

Trustee, Ward 8

# Andrew Howard

## Superintendent

# Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat.

We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.



**URBAN INDIGENOUS**  
EDUCATION CENTRE

Wanda Bozzo &  
Lisa Rossiter-Thornton

Principal and Vice Principal at Hodgson

# Cafeteria

Lunch options

# Drake was here in the early 2000s



Photo source: CBC News; Jordan Brand



# **Hodgson Tour of 529 Vaughan Road**

## **Agenda - Tuesday June 6 and Tuesday June 13**



- **Superintendent - Andrew Howard Land Acknowledgement**
- **Principal Wanda Bozzo & Vice Principal Lisa Rossiter-Thornton**
- **Manager of Design Viktor Kuslikis**
- **Council Chair - Katie Bardyn**
- **Student Transportation - Ellie Cameron (bus packages)**
- **Seniors Co- Lead - Oakwood Vaughan Community Organization - Peter Clutterbuck, Bryan Keshen video, & LEF Daycare**
- **An Interview w VRA vets: Ulrica Jobe and Caia Antonios**
- **Tour for the evening -Alana Hardy, Jordan Applebaum, Student Ambassadors**
- **Q&A Panel Ellie Cameron, Facilities, Andrew Howard, Wanda Bozzo**

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# Viktor Kuslikis

## Manager of Design



# Site



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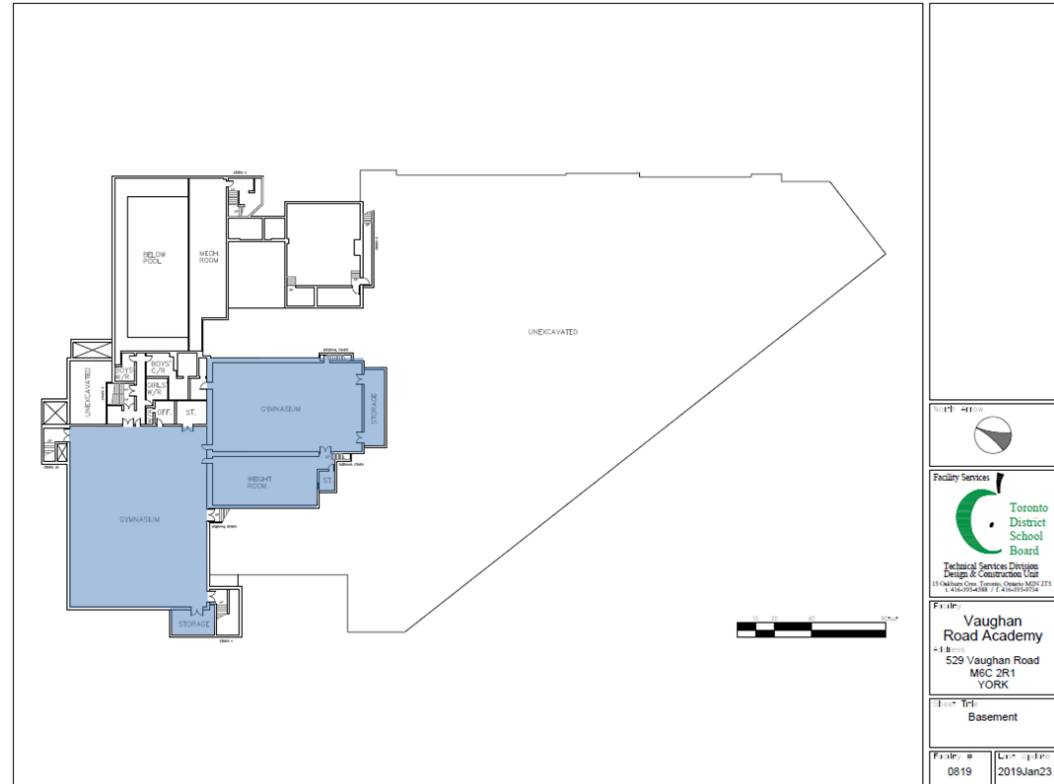
# Site



# Basement

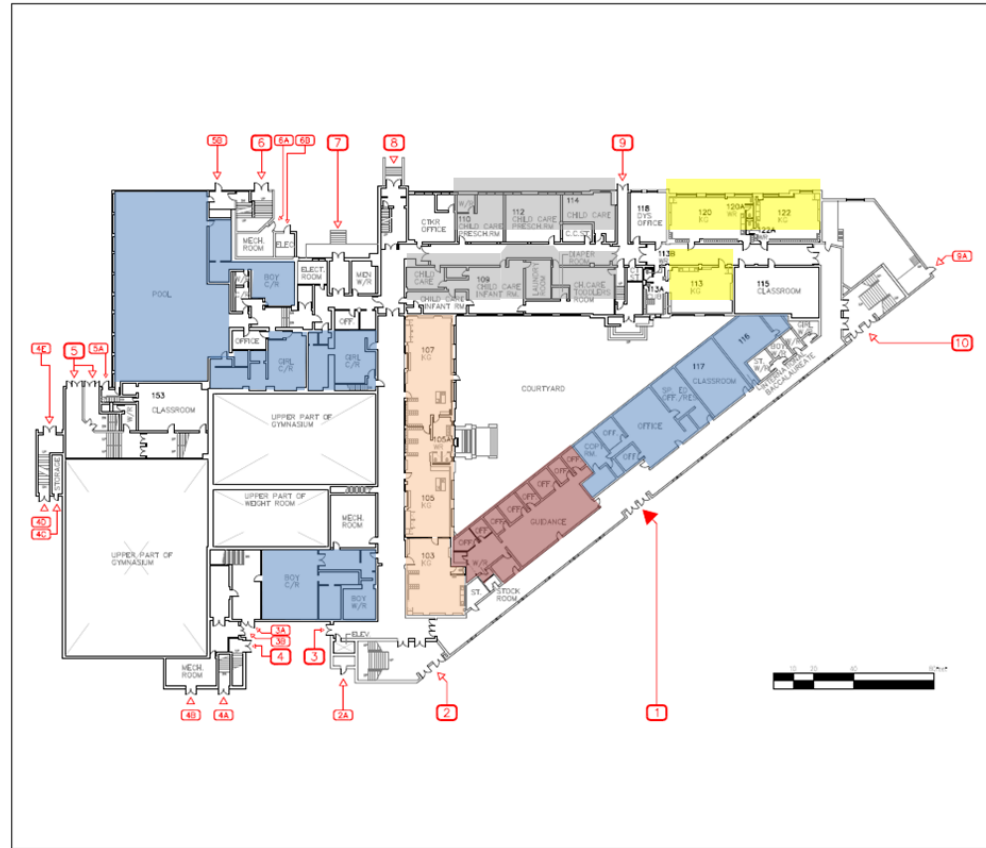


Hodgson MS



# 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

- Hodgson MS
- Caring and Safe Schools Administration
- Storage for the Museum and Archives
- Child care centre
- Space to be leased to OVCO, Reena and LEF





# 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

 Hodgson MS



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

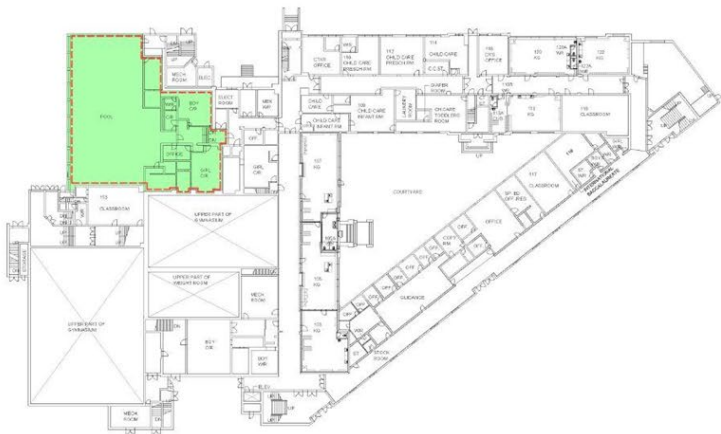


# Hodgson MS

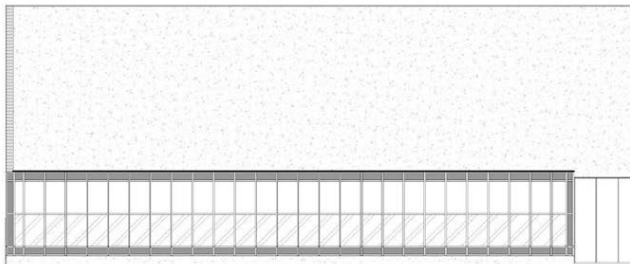


Self-contained  
space to  
potentially be  
leased out





 Area of Work - Pool Wall and Pool Changing Rooms Upgrades

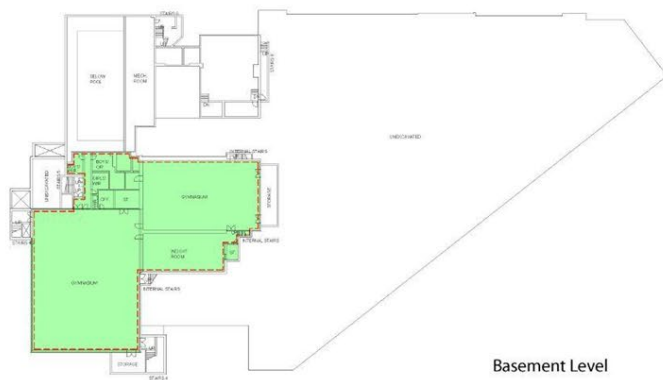


New Pool Curtain Wall



New Pool Changing Rooms





Basement Level



Ground Level

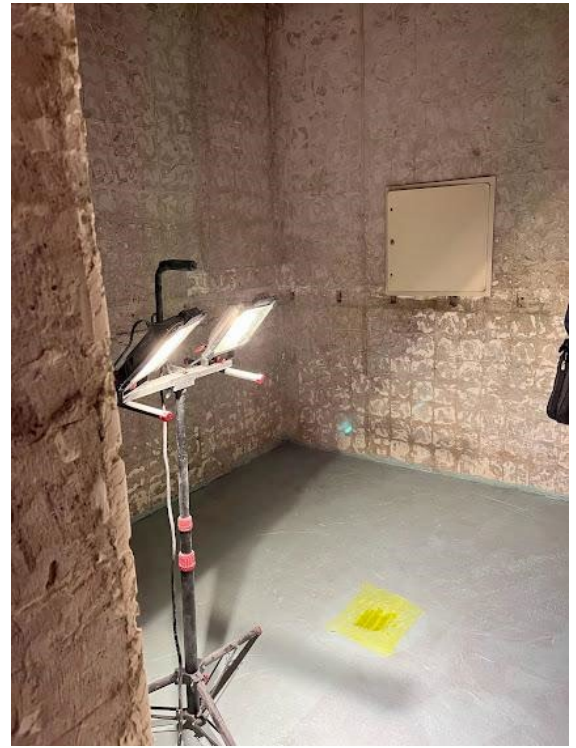


Third Level

 Area of Work  
Changing Rooms, Gym, Library and Science Room Upgrades

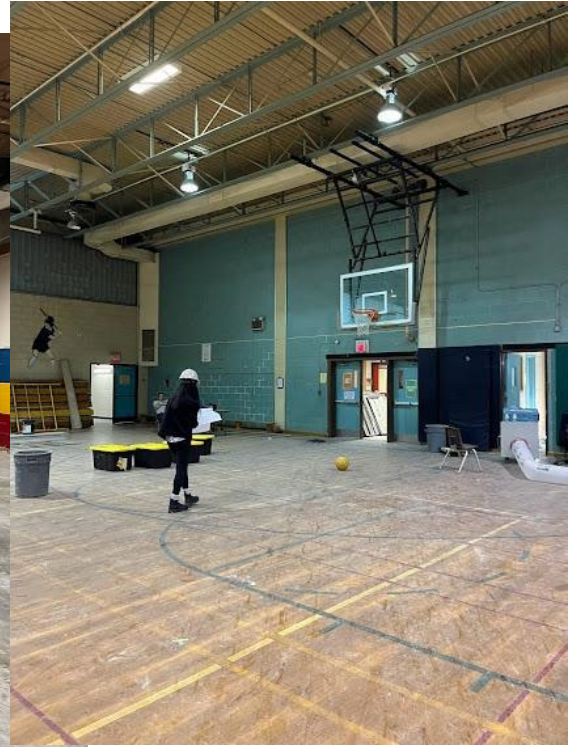


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Vaughan Road Academy  
Interior Renovations

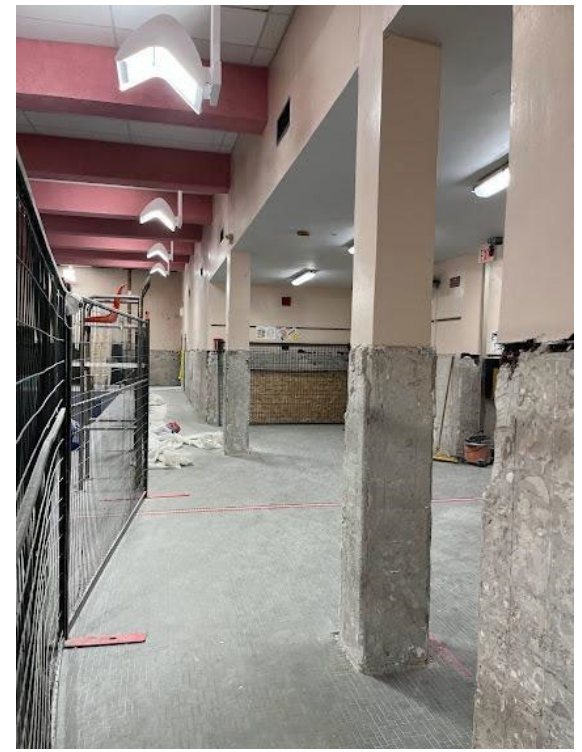


## Construction - Photos





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# Library



# Science Labs



# Pool





# Sports Field and Track





**Katie Bardyn**  
Council Chair

Ellie Cameron  
has provided  
bus packages

Hodgson PS Draft Relocation School Bus & TTC Stops



Legend

Complete Student Transportation Request form and return to your home school for review of applications:

[studenttransportationapplications@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:studenttransportationapplications@tdsb.on.ca)



All students will have been assigned to the closest bus stop to their home residence unless specified otherwise on the application provided to the school.

Final routing information can be obtained by signing up for the transportation portal at [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org)

Questions or concerns contact 416-444BUS (416-944-2287) or at [transportation@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:transportation@torontoschoolbus.org).

# Fred Winegust

Stakeholder, Relations, Reena



# Oakwood Vaughan Community Organization

- The [Oakwood Vaughan Community Organization](#) (OVCO) is an incorporated non-profit and registered charitable neighbourhood organization serving as a voice of the residents of the Oakwood Vaughan community.
- OVCO will occupy Room 113 in the east wing primarily for a seniors' Learning & Engagement program that has been operating on a one-day/month permit basis since June 2022. At the seniors' request the program will expand to become a three day a week seniors' drop-in with learning sessions twice monthly. This program will be funded by the [Oasis Project](#) .
- The space will also serve as a neighbourhood office for the OV community providing meeting space for use by other OVCO projects (e.g. Affordable Housing Work Group, Community Safety Committee).



# Reena

- [Reena](#) is a developmental services agency that is celebrating its fiftieth year in 2023. Our services are supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Toronto, covering residential support, community participation programs, respite programs, therapy and advocacy.
- It is hoped that an educational partnership with the TDSB will be approved so that this space could serve as a Learning and Training Centre for Education on Local Food Security. This centre will support a community gardening project for the benefit of community members (e.g. OV seniors, LEF childcare families) and the students of Hodgson Middle School.
- Alternative use of Room 120 would be employment training supports for Reena's members and other community members, who could benefit from such support (e.g. local youth re after-school and summer employment).

Reena is building a new 20 storey facility in the Oakwood Vaughan Community to provide affordable housing with integrated supports for individuals with diverse abilities



Previous Reena locations on Elm Ridge are now being torn down to make room for this new facility



# Bryan Keshen

## CEO, Reena







# Learning Enrichment Foundation

- The Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF) has provided integrated and holistic community programming to individuals and families in the central west part of Toronto for forty-five years. It has operated a childcare out of the former VRA building since 1979 as a community partner with the former Vaughan Road Academy and now with the TDSB.
- LEF will occupy Room 122 for community programs that will be implemented to support the OV community; programs to support employment, settlement and families will be the focus. Programs will be designed to include one-on-one, small group work as well as group learning sessions.

# Katrina Estey & Regina Abreu

## Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF) Childcare



**Executive Director of the Learning Enrichment Foundation, Peter Frampton, gives us an overview of the possible at LEF.**



# An Interview with Vaughan Vets

**Caia Antonios** is currently a grade 6 student at Hodgson and a graduate from Davisville PS. Caia spent 3 years at VRA when she was in grade 2,3 and 4 during the construction of the new Davisville PS. Caia is an engaged student in and out of the classroom. She is Class Representative and on the Executive Student Council, Yearbook Committee, Debate Club and was a member of the Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball and Ultimate Team.

**Ulrica Jobe** is Caia's mom and has been an active and involved parent and volunteer at both Davisville and Hodgson. Ulrica is a child and family counsellor, cares deeply about community and believes in the importance of building partnerships between students, educators, and parents.

# Interview with Caia & Ulrica

1. What were the best parts of going to Vaughan?
2. What were the challenges with going to Vaughan?
3. How would you describe the bussing? Pros and Cons? Challenges?
4. What are you looking forward to going to Vaughan?
5. What advice would you give to students who are doing this for the first time?
6. What advice would you give to parents?

# Caia interviews Ulrica

1. Were you nervous about me going to Vaughan?
2. What did you find challenging about me going to Vaughan?
3. In your opinion, do you think the neighbourhood is safe?
4. What was a pleasant surprise about me going to Vaughan?
5. What do you hope the students and community gain from this experience?

# **Alana Hardy & Jordan Applebaum**

**Tour of VRA led by Student Ambassadors**

**Poyraz Akkılıç, Rafaela Del Bianco, Vincy He,  
Amanda Kondarachchi, Sesathna Theunaki, Sofanit  
Tesfaldet Kidane, Ishi Kumari, Rania Sameer Madni,  
Filip Petrović, and Nowal Saeed**

# Gyms





# Auditorium



**Group 1**  
**Nowal**



**Group 2**  
**Vincy**



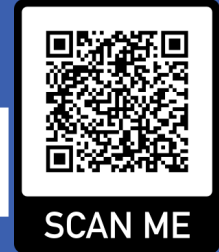
**Group 4**  
**Sesathna**



**Group 5**  
**Ishi**



**Group 6**  
**Filip**



**Group 3**  
**Rafaela**



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Thank you!