



December 20, 2016

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To Principals Sposato and Howlett, Parents, Guardians and staff of St Raymond and St Bruno Catholic Elementary Schools:

Re: St. Raymond/St. Bruno Catholic Schools Consolidation
Status of the Project for November-December 2016

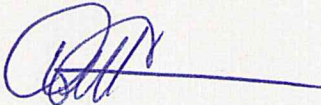
Capital and Planning Departments continue to work on the new school at the site of St. Raymond Catholic School to consolidate the student populations of St. Raymond and St. Bruno. The status of the project is as follows:

- Following review of the Board's *Capacity Reduction Strategy*, the Ministry of Education has released the funds for the design of the replacement school for St. Raymond and St. Bruno. As a result, a **transition team** will be immediately assembled in January, 2017, which will include central Board staff and local school representatives, including Superintendent John Wujek, who will keep you fully apprised of meeting dates and locations and all opportunities for parent and community consultation.
- Board staff will also complete the Ministry of Education required Space Plan Template (SPT) which specifies the space use for the new school according to Ministry benchmarks. Upon receiving Ministry approval of the SPT, an architectural firm will be appointed through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process.
- Once the architect has been chosen, a **Local Design Committee**, comprising the two school principals, parent and teacher representatives, the area superintendent and trustee, will be formed to work with the architect and Facilities staff. The school design process includes parent and school community meetings where there will be ample opportunity to discuss proposals, provide ideas, input and feedback as the design is being developed.
- Construction of the new St. Raymond will require the demolition of the existing school and the **temporary relocation of students to St. Bruno**. The anticipated start for demolition of the existing building is on or before September 2017, subject to receiving the demolition permit from the City of Toronto.

- The **anticipated opening date for the new facility is September 2020**, subject to completion of the City's Site Plan Approval process and receiving Ministry approval of the pre-tender cost estimates. Unforeseen site conditions, and ensuring sufficient time for community consultation **may push the completion date to January or September 2021.**

Please refer to the following link to the Board website for information updates regarding the project: <https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/straymond/NewSchool/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours truly,



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