



Office of the Director of Education

May 20, 2010

St. Bernard Catholic School Community

Dear Parents and Staff:

I am pleased to provide an update on the proposed St. Bernard Catholic School addition. On March 26, 2010 Toronto Catholic District School Board received approval from the Ministry of Education for the St. Bernard addition of nine classrooms and three kindergarten rooms. Pending formal Municipal approvals, the Board can issue construction tenders for this project.

The Board is responsible for any costs in excess of the approved capital budget. If tenders for the project are higher than the approved budget, the Board is required to seek further approval from the Ministry of Education and the Board must identify additional sources of revenue to offset any higher costs.

The Board is awaiting Municipal approvals including site plan approval, building permit. We anticipate construction to start in the fall 2010. Construction is expected to take approximately 12 months.

At the April 28, 2010 meeting of The Ministry Supervisor (The Board) approval was given for the temporary (partial) relocation of St. Bernard to the former Brother Edmund Rice facility at 55 Pelham Street (Keele and Dupont). This would be a shared facility with St. Josaphat Catholic School. The relocation of some of the students is scheduled for the September 2010. Further details outlining bussing and school schedules will be provided as soon as these details are confirmed.

The Board endeavours to minimize the disruption to the school communities impacted during this period of growth. We ask you to focus on the long-term benefits to all students in our system once the construction is complete. We look forward to your participation in the consultation process.

I wish to thank the St. Bernard Catholic School Community for their continuing support for Catholic Education.

If you have any questions regarding the addition, please contact Mr. Doug Yack, Superintendent of Education, 416-222-8282 ext. 2267, or Mr. Richard Francki, Superintendent of Facilities, 416-222-8282 ext. 2384.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Perron".

Ann Perron
Director of Education

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