



Office of the Director of Education

May 20, 2010

St. Joachim Catholic School Community

Dear Parents and Staff:

I am pleased to provide an update on the proposed St. Joachim Catholic School addition. On March 26, 2010 Toronto Catholic District School Board received approval from the Ministry of Education for the St. Joachim addition of four classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, renovation of two existing classrooms, plus the replacement of the office and library. 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 formal Municipal approvals including site plan control, building permit. We anticipate that construction could start in early 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 relocation of St. Joachim to the former St. William Catholic School on Jones Avenue. The relocation of St. Joachim is scheduled for start of the school year 2010-2011 or 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. Joachim Catholic School Community for their continuing support for Catholic Education. If you have any questions regarding the addition, please contact Mr. Geoffrey Grant, Superintendent of Education, 416-222-8282 ext. 2730, 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

CC: Paul Crawford, Trustee Ward 12
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Patricia Cacace, Principal