



Office of the Director of Education

May 20, 2010

St. Josaphat Catholic Elementary School Community

Dear Parents and Staff:

As you are already aware, the Toronto Catholic District School Board's capital programme 2008-2012 includes the construction of a 12-classroom addition at St. Bernard Catholic School. On May 27, 2009 the Board approved in principal the relocation of students to temporary accommodations, and staff was directed to report back with costs associated with these relocations, and the results of consultation.

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. This would be a shared facility with St. Josaphat Catholic School. We acknowledge that this was not the location option preferred by the St. Josaphat community, however, given the additional costs associated with relocating St. Bernard's to another currently vacant site, the Board's decision is for the two school communities to share the Pelham Avenue site. We are confident that the two school communities will endeavour to make this a positive experience for all the students.

Relocations will be scheduled at appropriate breaks in the school year such as summer 2010, Christmas Break 2010, March Break 2011. The partial relocation of St. Bernard is scheduled for September 2010. Further information will be provided as soon as the 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.

Sincerely,

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

Ann Perron
Director of Education

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