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May 10, 2007

TO: St. Gerald's C.S. Parents & Staff

RE: Site Safety Improvements Update

After much investigation, coordinated planning and action, I am pleased to advise that the Board will be scheduling to do the parking lot "kiss and ride" site work at St. Gerald's this summer pending tender finalization. The rejuvenated parking lot project was in response to parking and street safety concerns expressed by the school and community stemming from the large number of student buses and school vehicle traffic on Old Sheppard Avenue.

Dec 2004: Funds reallocated for site plan study & review after earlier safety concerns raised by community
Jun 2005: Parking Lot Resurfacing Project deferred until long-term plan finalized
Mar 2007: Board Approves St. Gerald capital work within the next two years

This work was approved earlier this year for the 2006-2008 capital budget and was originally slated for completion over the summer of 2008. The Board's facilities staff had been very diligent working this file and made efforts to move this project for completion over the summer of 2007. The final tender documents will be reviewed this month by Board staff while the drawings have been submitted to the city (North York) for a Road Right of Way Allowance permit.

Total project costs are estimated to be in excess of \$200,000 charged against the Board's capital budget. Capital budgets are used for major school upgrades, new facilities and site improvement projects. Despite the Board's budget deficit, the capital program budget was not affected although it was originally recommended to be used to cover operating shortfalls.

I'd like to recognize the continued efforts of the community in adhering to the new safety programs and restrictions surrounding morning drop off and afternoon pick up of students.

Thanks to the school's CSAC members including the chair - Ms. DoCouto and the school principal - Ms. Leone, for their participation throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Del Grande".

Trustee John Del Grande

cc: Michael McMorrow, School Superintendent