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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School:

In addition to the letters that you received in December and January from Mr. Femia, I am writing to provide you with a brief update on the status of the St. John the Evangelist project as your Catholic School Trustee. As you are aware, the Toronto Catholic District School Board received a commitment of future funding from the Province of Ontario for a 290 student addition for St. John the Evangelist. In the funding announcement, the Ministry of Education indicated that it would be prepared to consider a further business case in support of a new school building.

While the Board has yet to receive funding from the Ministry, the planning and design process for St. John the Evangelist has commenced. The Board of Trustees approved the temporary relocation of students and staff to the former Brother Edmund Rice facility at 55 Pelham Avenue in September 2012. The Board has also appointed an architect for the project, who is currently in the process of completing a Phase 1 feasibility and cost-benefit study to support the Board's further submission to the Ministry for funding a replacement school.

Until the Board receives confirmation of funding approval for St. John the Evangelist, the school will remain on the Board's Capital Priority list as a high and urgent priority item. St. John the Evangelist is currently considered to be the Board's third highest capital priority. As your Trustee, I fully support moving St. John the Evangelist to the top of the Capital Priority list, however a Board decision is necessary to change the current rankings.

Staff is currently involved in ongoing discussions with Ministry staff in order to clarify the status of the funding commitment for St. John the Evangelist. I will continue to advocate on your behalf for a replacement facility, and keep you informed as information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Femia at the school at 416-393-5244.

Sincerely,

Frank D'Amico

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