

June 27, 2014

Dear Principal Thomson, Parents/Guardians and Community Members of St. Michael Catholic School:

We are pleased to be able to provide this latest update on the progress of the renovations and repairs to St. Michael Catholic School.

The construction tender will be issued in early July and will close in late August to accommodate the time required under procurement rules. Most aspects of the project remain on target. However, the construction tender process was slightly delayed in order to make necessary changes required by the City of Toronto Building Permit Department to ensure plans for the school's first floor conforms to new barrier-free design requirements.

Generally, this type of retrofit does not carry a requirement to meet these regulations. The City's decision added two months to the process as it necessitated the hiring of an architect to redesign the ground floor layout and revise all accompanying architectural, structural and mechanical drawings.

This means actual construction will begin later than originally scheduled at the end of October, but we remain optimistic that students and staff will be able to leave their temporary location at 25 Linden Street and return to the permanent site for St Michael Catholic School on 50 George Street by September 2015, as planned.

Despite the complexities and challenges associated with this project, providing a safe and fully functioning learning environment for our students is always our first priority. All three partners in this facility, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Toronto District School Board and the TCDSB are working collaboratively and remain committed to ensuring the successful completion of the required work.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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