



# Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

As you know, in May 2012, Trustees approved the closure of Barton, Hill Park and Mountain secondary schools and the construction of a new high school on the southeast mountain.

This new high school will be located southwest of the intersection of Rymal and Upper Sherman and will have many design features that will create collaborative learning environments. Learning spaces at Nora Frances Henderson are being designed so that students can work together and help each other learn. The school will accommodate 1,250 students from Grade 9 to Grade 12 in an approximately 166,000 square foot three-storey secondary school.



I would like to update you on what is happening with the construction of the new school. Because our new school is being constructed in a new sub-division, there are a lot more items that need to be considered by the City of Hamilton for our plans to be approved. We have had to adjust our plans for the Stormwater management pond based on previous feedback we received from the City. We have redesigned the site to include a dry pond instead of a wet pond.

A dry pond is designed to hold water for a short period before allowing the water to discharge to a nearby stream. Dry ponds control peak flows of runoff, help improve water quality and lessen the effects of erosion. Between rain events, a dry pond looks like a large, grassy low area. When it rains, the pond fills with water. They hold water for 48-72 hours to allow sediment and pollutants to settle out.

We have resubmitted our Site Plan Approval to the City and are now hoping to begin construction of the new Nora Frances Henderson in the spring. This delay has now moved our expected school opening to the 2019-2020 school year.



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To help keep the community informed, you will soon see a sign near the property to indicate where the high school will be located. You can also stay up to date on the construction of the school by visiting [www.hwdsb.on.ca/construction](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/construction).



I encourage you to come into the school to see the initial architectural drawings for our new school. I have included a rendering of the front of the school and one of the back. We will have these renderings, and others, posted in our main hallway for students and visitors to view.

I would like to thank all students and families for their continued patience and support. We are looking forward to another great year at Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 905.389.2234.

Sincerely,

Timothy Powell-Mcbride  
Principal