

HWDSB

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Dear Families,

On Monday, June 19, the Minister of Education announced **\$33.5 million** in funding for the construction of two new JK-8 elementary schools and an addition at Collegiate Avenue School. The funding received is part of HWDSB reimagining its role in the community by renewing school facilities to better meet the needs of learners today and in the future.

This announcement affects the school communities of R.L. Hyslop, Green Acres and Collegiate Avenue, as part of the funding received will provide additional classroom and childcare space at Collegiate Avenue.

Although we had asked for funding to build a new elementary school at the Collegiate site, we are taking this opportunity to not only expand but also renew the school by addressing other areas throughout the building that need improvements. This will allow us to ensure that the entire school facility meets the facility benchmarks established by the Board.

Staff will continue to work with the Ministry of Education and community partners to develop more concrete plans to expand and enhance Collegiate Ave. As more detailed plans and timelines are developed, we will provide updates to ensure you are aware of and can provide feedback regarding the school renewal plan.

Thank you in advance for supporting the planned expansion and enhancement at Collegiate Avenue Elementary School. I look forward to providing more details in the fall.

Sincerely,



Jeff Gillies
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