

## Statement by Chair, Alex Johnstone Regarding Media Release by MPP Donna Skelly

**January 25, 2019:** "The Ministry of Education confirmed the \$16.4M funding for Beverly Central Elementary School. Included in this announcement specifically is the approval of HWDSB to use its Proceeds of Disposition in the amount of \$2M, which come from the sale of surplus board properties.

We've begun construction and the project is underway. The school is expected to open approximately 12-16 months from the start of construction.

Our appreciation is extended to the Ministry of Education for supporting families in the Rockton community. We also extend our thanks to the school community and to the former trustees, including Karen Turkstra and Greg Van Geffen, who have supported this project. Together, with the current trustee, Paul Tut, and the board of trustees, we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Member of Provincial Parliament, Donna Skelly, and the City of Hamilton."