



# Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

## **RE: Construction of New Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School**

As you may be aware, the Ontario government announced in April that some construction projects were deemed essential and could continue during COVID-19. School construction did not meet the criteria to be deemed essential and was paused. Construction activities resumed on May 4, when the Ontario government lifted this emergency order.

This delay in construction has resulted in Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) not being able to have all student learning amenities ready for students by September. This has forced HWDSB to reconsider the planned September opening of the new Nora Frances Henderson.

As student and staff safety is our primary concern, we are worried that construction activity continuing in September could pose a risk and difficulties. We also need to ensure that any new measures in place due to COVID-19 when schools re-open can be applied within the school.

Due to these factors outside our control, we are now considering all options, which includes opening of the school as early as possible but no later than January 2021.

We will provide more information to students and families about an opening date as soon as we have more information about the construction timeline for Nora Frances Henderson.

If you have any questions about the delay in construction, please contact us through the school's phone number at 905.389.2234, or by email at [henderson@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:henderson@hwdsb.on.ca).

Sincerely,

Timothy Powell-McBride  
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