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Wards 6 & 9 Newsletter



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Hello families and staff of Wards 6 & 9,

We've had a great start to 2023 and it has been wonderful to hear about the different activities happening at each of my schools.

I had the opportunity to hear from our Sherwood Transition Committee, and I'm excited to see what students have decided for the colour scheme for the renovations.

I've also heard from Saltfleet students about what's working well at their school, and how we can better support our students.

As a member of the Policy Committee, I was very happy to see the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy passed by the Board of Trustees.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important policy!

I look forward to doing more school visits over the next few months to see, firsthand, how our students and staff are doing.

Please reach out anytime if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Kathy Archer

School Renewal Updates

CB Stirling Elementary – Design for a roof replacement is complete, with tender expected for March and construction over summer of 2023.

Janet Lee Elementary – Benchmark renovations will include renovations to the corridor ceiling, washrooms, and various classrooms. Construction will commence in summer 2023, with intention to complete corridor ceilings over summer and remaining renovations by February 2024. The project also includes repaving of the parking lot planned for summer 2023.

Sherwood Secondary – We are excited to see students involved in colour and design choices for the renovations. Further details about timelines will be shared this spring. Visit [Sherwood Transition](#) for the latest.



School
Renewal

March Break in the Ward

[Spring Tide Bulb Show and Spring at the Cottage](#)

March 10th - March 19th, 9:00am – 5:00pm
Gage Park Greenhouse
1000 Main Street East, Hamilton

[A Monumental March Break](#)

March 13 - 17, 12 – 4 p.m.
Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. West, Stoney Creek

[Hamilton Bulldogs v. Ottawa 67's](#)

March 12 at 2 p.m.
First Ontario Centre
101 York Blvd, Hamilton

[Hamilton Public Library](#)

Various activities
Various dates and locations
Visit <https://www.hpl.ca/> to learn more



Board Highlights

Sharing news about Board of Trustee work and activities is important to keeping you informed!

Emphasis on Human Rights

At HWDSB, we believe that all students need to be safe, supported, and included in schools. Trustees passed a collection of policies that support this direction. Policies approved include the [Human Rights Policy](#), [Anti-Black Racism Policy](#), [Whistleblower Policy](#), and [Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy](#).

School Environments

Indoor and outdoor school environments are important to student learning and well-being. Trustees have approved investments that will support students during severe weather.

- **Snow Clearing:** In response to feedback from families and staff, the Board of Trustees approved the removal of snow from sections of blacktop areas. This change will improve student safety and increase accessibility for students with mobility challenges during snowy or icy conditions.
- **High Heat/Humidity:** Trustees approved the investment in new monitoring units that allow measurement of indoor school conditions when there is extreme heat with high humidity. Schools have plans to reduce activities and provide access to cooler spaces when needed. In extreme circumstances, severe heat and humidity in a school may result in a school closure under the Inclement Weather Policy.

Strategic Directions

Trustees are preparing to set a renewed vision and focus for HWDSB to best serve students and school communities now and in the future. We will be seeking your input on HWDSB's strategic directions in the coming months. We are excited to set new priorities, and look forward to hearing from students, staff, families, and the community this spring. Please watch for further information.