

February 18, 2020

Dear Families,

On March 13, 2018, the Ministry of Education announced \$6.46 million in funding to build a 230 pupil place addition and a three-room child care centre at the current Mount Albion elementary school site to address accommodation pressures in Stoney Creek.

As part of the addition to Mount Albion, HWDSB allocated \$2.5 million for renewal and elementary benchmark work for a total of \$8.96 million to be spent at Mount Albion. This additional funding required approval from the Ministry of Education before the project could begin.

HWDSB submitted our business case to the Ministry in March 2019 with the expectation of starting work on Mount Albion in the summer of 2019. The Ministry had delayed the approval to proceed while they reviewed the business case.

I'm pleased to inform you that we have received official approval to proceed from the Ministry for the \$8.96 million addition and renewal work to begin at Mount Albion.

This means that we can now tender the project to start construction. Provided that the tender comes back within budget, we will begin work on the addition and renewal as soon as possible.

The addition allows us to address growth Upper Stoney Creek and further improve the facility at Mount Albion School. It also allows us to provide additional daycare options for families within the area.

As planning continues, updates will be provided regularly on HWDSB's website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/construction to ensure communities are aware of timelines and next steps.

We look forward to sharing details as they are confirmed. Please feel free to reach out to your school principal with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeff Gillies
Superintendent of Student Achievement