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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers at Green Acres and RL Hyslop,

As part of the Lower Stoney Creek Accommodation Review, the Board of Trustees approved the closure of Collegiate Avenue, Eastdale, Green Acres, Memorial (Stoney Creek), Mountain View, and R.L. Hyslop, pending Ministry of Education funding for three new JK-8 elementary schools on the Collegiate, Eastdale and Memorial (Stoney Creek) sites.

As you may be aware, HWDSB did not receive funding for a new school on the Collegiate Site but did receive \$6 million in funding for an addition to Collegiate that will accommodate an additional 213 students and a 3-room child care centre, while supporting the consolidation of Green Acres and R.L. Hyslop. In addition, HWDSB allocated \$4.35 million for renewal and elementary benchmark work for a total of \$10.35 million to be spent at Collegiate. 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 Collegiate 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 \$10.35 million project to begin at Collegiate.

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 revitalizing Collegiate as soon as possible. Once construction is complete, Green Acres and RL Hyslop will close and all students will attend the school on the Collegiate site.

A transition committee will be formed to support the transition of students, staff and families involved in school relocation/consolidation. Families are welcome to attend these meetings to hear the discussions and learn more about transition plans.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Gillies", is placed above the typed name.

Jeff Gillies
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