

Sherwood Transition Update - October 2023

Dear students and families of Sherwood Secondary School,

We would like to share the most recent update on the construction progress for the Sherwood Secondary School permanent (High St) site.

Throughout this transition, construction at the permanent (High St) site has been led by four Guiding Principles:

- Completing the work within the quickest timelines possible,
- Ensuring the ability to have the necessary permits and occupancy,
- Meeting all the required Health & Safety requirements, and
- Ensuring the school has the ability to have a full academic program.

Due to a supply chain concern with a vendor, the new HVAC controls and custom fire dampers for the air handling units have been delayed. These elements are necessary to ensure the health and safety of all students, staff, and visitors to the school. The parts involved are highly specialized and attempts to find alternative vendors or solutions to the supply issue have been unsuccessful thus far.

As the delay in receiving these critical elements unfortunately impacts the capacity to occupy the building, we are unable to commit to a target move date at the permanent (High Street) site this winter break.

We understand that this news will be disappointing to students, staff, and families, in part because of the ambitious timeframe we hoped to achieve with this project. Though the initial proposal stated a possible two-year period for construction, many were hopeful that an expedited timeline could be achieved. However, given this unexpected supply issue, an expedited timeframe is not possible.

Construction progress is being constantly reviewed and this project remains a priority for HWDSB.

We are committed to providing timely and transparent updates on this project at the end of semester one in early 2024. We are currently targeting September 2024 as the return date for staff and students at the permanent (High Street) site.

More information about the transition can be found on the Sherwood Transition page at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood/transition/>.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the supply chain issues and the challenges they present with this project. We look forward to seeing the continued progress of the Sherwood permanent site and appreciate the understanding from the Sherwood community as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Simon Goodacre
Superintendent of Student Achievement