

April 28, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We communicated to families on March 13 that the opening of the new Spring Valley has been revised to January 2021. As you may be aware, school construction is not deemed essential during the COVID-19 pandemic. This means that work on the new Spring Valley is on pause. At this time, it is unclear if the pause in construction will further delay the opening of the new school. This now creates a possible impact on our current Grade 6 students.

During the Ancaster Pupil Accommodation Review, it had been communicated that if Spring Valley is not complete, then students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 would remain at the current Spring Valley on the Queens Rangers site and that students in Grades 7 and 8 would attend Frank Panabaker.

To minimize transitions for students, we are considering two options regarding the school location for next year's Grade 7 students:

- **Option 1:** Grade 7 students remain at Spring Valley for the 2020/2021 school year and attend the new school when it opens.
- **Option 2:** Grade 7 students attend at Frank Panabaker South.
Under this option, they would remain at Frank Panabaker until graduation of Grade 8 and would not attend the new Spring Valley school.

My Executive Assistant, Vanessa Aguirre, will be reaching out to parents of Grade 6 students this week for their input. We will use the information we gather to guide our decision. You may also email your input to Vanessa at vaguirre@hwdsb.on.ca.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we move closer to the opening of our new school.

Sincerely,



Jane Macpherson
Superintendent of Student Achievement