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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We communicated to families on March 13th that the opening of the new Spring Valley has been revised to January 2021. We further communicated with families of current Grade 6 students on April 28th to inquire about remaining at Spring Valley or attending Frank Panabaker for the 2020-21 school year.

I would like to thank all the families who participated by informing us of their preference and I am happy to let you know that a decision has been made.

It has been decided that students entering Grade 7 in September will remain at Spring Valley and transition to the new school on the C.H. Bray site in January 2021.

We feel this is the best outcome for students because:

- With the current COVID-19 uncertainties, we want to minimize transitions for students and keep them with staff that know them.
- We want to keep siblings together as much as possible so families do not experience any unnecessary difficulties with childcare, busing, or different bell times.
- As school construction resumed on May 4, we remain on track for a January 2021 opening of the new Spring Valley on the C.H. Bray site. Keeping Grade 7 students at Spring Valley ensures they will be able to attend the new school and enjoy all its amenities.

I would like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate through these unprecedented times. If you have any questions about the decision outlined above, please contact my Executive Assistant, Vanessa Aguirre at vaguirre@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-527-5092 Ext. 2626.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Macpherson', is placed above the typed name.

Jane Macpherson
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