

HWDSB

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Dear Families,

As you know, HWDSB is reimagining its role in the community and revitalizing its approach to education. We did this by engaging our communities to look at schools in a 'big picture' way, to plan and create the best environments for students.

A recent provincial funding announcement supports our revitalization and our shared long-term vision for our school communities. We will continue to submit applications for funding that will help us complete our vision for the future.

For the area of Lower Stoney Creek that participated in an accommodation review last year, the funding announcement represents step one of three in our vision for the community. We always knew that it may take several funding applications to make this vision a reality.

For **Eastdale**, we are thrilled that the funding announced October 28 allows us to build a new JK-8 school on the current Eastdale site. It will house JK-8 students living in the Eastdale boundary, as well as some students from Collegiate Avenue and Mountain View.

Although we did not receive the funding for a new **Collegiate Avenue** and a new **Memorial Stoney Creek** this time, this is only the beginning of our plan to address all six schools within the Lower Stoney Creek accommodation review.

This is a long-term plan and we recognize it may take a few cycles before we receive funding. We will continue to pursue a new Collegiate and new Memorial through continued funding opportunities by the Ministry, including a request through the School Consolidation Capital Funding process this winter. We anticipate this funding announcement in the late spring of 2017.

Watch for your invitation to a Ward 9 & 10 Information Night in the weeks ahead.

We thank the province of Ontario for providing us with funds to improve learning spaces - whether that is through building new schools, improving existing schools or investing in projects to reduce surplus space through school consolidations.

Sincerely,



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