

# 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 **Summit Park area**, we are thrilled to have received funding for a JK-8 new elementary school. This is step one of three for this growing area of the city. The relief this provides for enrolment pressures is more than welcome, but please note that we also need new elementary schools in Binbrook and Upper Stoney Creek.

As a community, our Upper Stoney Creek schools are operating at 15 per cent over capacity. The result is that enrolment is imbalanced across schools during a period of growth fed by new housing development. Although we will still see some schools with high enrolment, the funding will help address the need for additional school capacity in the area.

Watch for your invitation to an Upper Stoney Creek 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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Chair of the Board



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Vice-Chair of the Board