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Dear Families,

As you know, HWDSB is reimagining its role in the community by renewing school facilities to better meet the needs of learners today and in the future.

Last year, as part of the **East Hamilton City 2 Accommodation Review** process, the Board of Trustees pursued construction of a new JK-8 elementary school on the Glen Brae/Glen Echo campus and modification of boundaries between the new school and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Pending Ministry funding, this would lead to closure of Elizabeth Bagshaw, Glen Brae, Glen Echo and Sir Isaac Brock. Find details about the review online at www.hwdsb.on.ca/reviews.

Today the Minister of Education announced **\$33.5 million** in funding for the construction of two new JK-8 elementary schools and a major school addition at HWDSB. **One new school will be on the Glen Brae/Glen Echo campus in East Hamilton and the other new school will be at Memorial Stoney Creek. Collegiate Avenue will receive a major new addition. It also adds new childcare spaces at all three schools.**

We thank the Province of Ontario for providing funds to improve learning spaces and opportunities for students and families – whether it is through building new schools, improving existing schools or investing in projects to reduce surplus space through school consolidations. There is much work to do in the years ahead but this funding moves us toward our school renewal goals.

As planning continues, updates will be provided regularly to ensure communities are aware of timelines and next steps. We look forward to sharing details as they are confirmed. Please feel free to reach out to my office or your local [Trustee](#) with any questions.

Thank you in advance for supporting these planned enhancements to learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Gillies".

Jeff Gillies
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