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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.

In May 2017, HWDSB Trustees approved the closure of C.H. Bray, Fessenden, Queen's Rangers and Rousseau pending the related Ministry of Education funding for two new JK-8 elementary schools on the CH Bray and Rousseau sites and to convert Ancaster Senior to a JK-8 facility. In addition, Trustees also approved new boundaries for Ancaster Senior in June 2017, which sees

- Fessenden English students directed to Ancaster Senior
- Ancaster Senior English students remain at the school
- Fessenden French Immersion students directed to Ancaster Senior
- Ancaster Senior French Immersion students remain at the school.

Today the Minister of Education announced \$3,702,489 in funding to add an addition to Ancaster Senior. These funds will be used to add three classrooms and four Full-Day Kindergarten rooms.

The addition allows us to ensure enough space to accommodate both English and French programs, while adding Kindergarten rooms, as the current school only accommodates Grades 7 and 8 and has no space for Kindergarten.

As planning continues, updates will be provided regularly on HWDSB's website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/construction 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Prendergast", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Prendergast
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