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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 June 2014, HWDSB Trustees approved the closure of Beverly Central and Dr. John Seaton and the construction of a new school on the Beverly Community Centre site. This was done to ensure efficient use of space and resources. This new elementary school will be constructed on the Beverly Community Centre property, off Hwy. 8 in Rockton as part of a joint community project with the City of Hamilton.

Today the Minister of Education announced \$3,461,117 in funding to add an addition to the new school. These funds will be used to turn two classrooms into a third Kindergarten room, while adding six more classrooms to the school.

We have asked for an increase in funds for two reasons:

- To build a bigger school to accommodate the unexpected enrolment in the 'Before and After School Program' at Beverly Central
- The June 2017 Boundary Review approved by Trustees, which moves approximately 50 per cent of Queens Rangers students to the new Beverly Central.

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 in a cursive style.

Michael Prendergast
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