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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Re: Construction Update for the new school on the Beverly Community Centre Site Now Named Rockton Elementary School

As you know, 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 (Rockton Elementary School). This was done to ensure efficient use of space and resources.

Rockton Elementary School is being constructed on City of Hamilton property, off Hwy. 8 in Rockton and is part of a joint community project with the City of Hamilton. The school will be designed to accommodate 485 students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 in an approximately 40,000 square foot space.

Construction began on the new school last summer. Unfortunately, we had to pause construction during the winter months because the extreme cold had frozen the ground and the construction company was unable to place the footings, which would allow for the pouring of the foundation. Once the ground was thawed enough, construction resumed and will be continuing until the school is complete.

We had expected to have students and staff into Rockton elementary in January 2020, but with the pause in construction, the timeline for the school to be finished has been moved into spring 2020.

This delay means that students will remain at either Dr. Seaton or Beverly Central campuses for the entire 2019-2020 school year and will move into Rockton Elementary in September 2020.

We apologize for the delay in the opening of the new school, as we are just as excited about it as the community. I want to thank all students and families for their continued patience and support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Macpherson'.

Jane Macpherson
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