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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers

**RE: Update on Addition at Mount Albion**

I would like to update you about the construction timelines for the 10-classroom addition at Mount Albion.

As part of the construction process, school boards are required to receive final approval from the Ministry of Education before beginning major construction projects. In previous years, this approval was received on average within 10 business days. With a new government in place, the approval process is taking much longer and is delaying the start of a number of projects.

Unfortunately, in the case of the addition at Mount Albion, the Ministry of Education has yet to provide approval to proceed to construction. As a result, we are unsure of when we will be able to start this important project.

Once approval has been received, Board staff will issue a tender for a contractor. The tender must come back within the funding provided by the Ministry. If the tender is within budget, construction can begin immediately.

We are optimistic that approvals from the Ministry of Education will be received soon. We recently received approval from the Ministry to proceed with building an addition at Ancaster Senior, a new school on the Memorial Stoney Creek site and a new elementary school on the Glendale campus. This gives us hope that we will soon receive more approvals to proceed on projects across HWDSB.

I will continue to provide you updates as we move through this process. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

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

Jeff Gillies  
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