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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers

RE: Update on Gym Renovation at Queensdale

I would like to update you about the construction timelines for the gymnasium renovation at Queensdale Elementary School.

The Board has been preparing for construction. This preparation included the design of the gym and getting regulatory approvals from the Municipality, both which have been completed. The last step of the preparation process requires school boards to submit their costs estimates to the Ministry of Education and receive approval to proceed to tender.

Unfortunately, in the case of the gym renovation at Queensdale, we have not yet received the approval to proceed to construction from the Ministry of Education. As a result, we are unsure of when we will be able to start this important project.

The Board submitted all necessary information to the Ministry this past winter and is awaiting these approvals before construction can proceed. Although these approvals are taking longer than they have in the past, the Board is in regular contact with the Ministry and is hopeful that the approvals will be received shortly.

Once the approvals are received from the Ministry, tenders will be issued. If the tenders are within budget, construction can begin immediately.

We are optimistic that we will receive the approvals from the Ministry 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 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 that reads "Laura Romano".

Laura Romano
Superintendent of Student Achievement