

May 5, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to thank you for attending the meeting on Wednesday and for the parent presentation.  During the meeting, we shared information about the risk assessment and peer review, and there were presentations made by the developer and City of Toronto.

Based on our review of the risk assessment, the peer review and feedback we received from parents, the TDSB has committed to complying with all mitigation measures outlined in the risk assessment and peer review that are within the TDSB’s control. However, the mitigation measures outlined in the risk assessment also require the commitment and participation of the developer.

The TDSB is meeting with the developer to seek an agreement on how to meet the additional mitigation measures outlined in the risk assessment and peer review that are considered under the developer’s responsibility, including compliance and daily on-site monitoring.

As these discussions are on-going, and in our best effort to see if we can reach agreement with the developer on mitigation, we are deferring our decision on whether the school can remain in operation during the construction period until Tuesday, May 9. At that time, we will share an updated chart (TDSB and developer) of mitigation measures based on the risk assessment and peer review and advise of the TDSB’s decision regarding whether the school can remain in operation during the construction period and, if so, our timelines for safety and mitigation measures to be completed at the school. We recognize that this information will be helpful to parents who have indicated they require more information before completing the survey. For that reason, we are extending the deadline for the survey until 5p.m. on May 12. Please note that the system will be reactivated for parents who wish to resubmit the survey.

Finally, we heard from many parents at the meeting that there is significant opposition to the tower from the surrounding community. We also heard from City officials that the plans for the tower have been approved by the City Planning department in the aftermath of a mediated settlement with the OMB. City planners also indicated that it is likely that a demolition permit will be issued in June.

With these approvals in place, our responsibility, along with the City and the developer, is to work collaboratively to ensure the school is safe. In addition, The TDSB has sole responsibility to plan for the eventuality that regardless of safety, some parents may wish to transfer their child/ren to another school.  We remain focused on these responsibilities. If we feel that there are insufficient safety measures taken by the developer, we are prepared to consider taking any action, up to and including litigation.

Thank you. We will be in touch with you early next week.

Sincerely,



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