



## Toronto District School Board

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Dear Parents/Guardians of David and Mary Thomson CI and Bendale BTI:

This letter is to provide you with an update on the new secondary school building that will replace Bendale BTI and David and Mary Thomson CI. Plans continue on schedule for the new building to open in September 2019.

We know that you share our excitement about what will no doubt be a beautiful new school building for our students, staff, and community. Thank you for your patience in accommodating the interruptions to pathways and playgrounds during construction. There is still a lot of work to be done, and efforts are being made to reduce inconvenience when possible. The contractor and TDSB's Facilities and Health and Safety Offices are closely monitoring work to ensure the safety of students and staff at all times.

In order to support a smooth transition for our students and families, a Principal will be assigned specifically to oversee this process starting semester two. Therefore, effective February 1, 2019, we are pleased to announce that Principal William Papaconstantinou will be assigned the role of overseeing the transition into the new school building. Mr. Papaconstantinou will also be the Principal of the new school building when it opens. We are confident that with this additional support, the transition for students, staff and families will be positive. Starting in February 2019 and continuing until the new building opens, a retired experienced Principal will serve as the interim Principal of the current David and Mary Thomson CI. Mr. Colin Dye will continue to serve as the Principal of Bendale BTI during the transition period. Principal Papaconstantinou, Principal Dye and the retired Interim Principal will work as a team to support the students at both schools along with a substantial team of central staff.

In the New Year, please look for updates in our school newsletters regarding the progress of the school as we near completion!

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent Shirley Chan

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Trustee David Smith

