



Island Public / Natural Science School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

I'm writing to provide more details about this morning's sudden change in the Toronto Island Ferry service capacity for trips from Jack Layton Ferry Terminal to Ward's Island.

On Friday morning, the City of Toronto Marine Services notified the school, on short notice, of an operational issue which would significantly reduce the ferry's capacity. At this time, staff were already on their way to the ferry docks.

Once this was communicated to us, we immediately notified families regarding the change through SchoolMessenger around 8 a.m.

As a result, up to three classes at a time were able to load onto the ferry between 8:20 a.m. and 9:05 a.m.

By 9:30 a.m. all students were at school in their classrooms. We understand your concern with the situation and want to reassure you that all children were safe and were properly supervised at all times.

We are incredibly grateful for our staff's support in this morning's difficult situation.

All staff stepped up and helped things run smoothly and I would like to thank our staff for all of their efforts in ensuring our students were safe during this time.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email, or by phone at 416-393-1910 or on my school cell phone at 416-985-1266.

Sincerely,

Gary Pieters
Principal