



April 21, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to follow up on our letter dated April 7, 2017 and to provide some updates to items that were referenced in that communication. First, thanks to those who provided feedback following that last letter. As a result of some of that feedback, next week we will be updating the existing Q and A document currently posted on the John Fisher PS web site. Further changes to the draft placement process itself were not required, and that is now available on the JFPS web site.

There will be an opportunity to address other questions you may have at a public meeting that has now been confirmed for May 3 at the North Toronto CI auditorium, 17 Broadway Avenue (Yonge and Eglinton) at 7:00. At that public meeting, we will have an opportunity to review the *Phase II Risk Assessment Report*, which was just completed by Environmental Consulting Occupational Health (ECOH) and provides a risk assessment in relation to the proposed development adjacent to the school. The *Phase II Risk Assessment Report* is now available on the JFPS web site for your perusal. TDSB staff will be reviewing that report closely and are also seeking an independent peer review at the same time. This prudent process subjects one expert's findings to the scrutiny of others who are also experts in the same field. Joining us at the May 3 meeting will be representatives from ECOH, the City of Toronto, the peer review consultant, and the developer. Child care will be available for that meeting. Please let school administration know if you require child care.

Student and staff safety are the top priority if and when the construction of a new building next to the school proceeds, and it is imperative that we have contingency plans in place. If after reviewing the *Phase II Risk Assessment Report* and considering the peer review the TDSB determines that it is not safe to remain at the current location, it will relocate the school to the Vaughan Road Academy (VRA) site. However, should the TDSB determine that it can safely operate the school at the current location during construction, we will also survey parents to gauge preferences. In this circumstance, we know that parents will want to provide input into whether JFPS remains at its current location or whether the program should temporarily move to the VRA site, or whether their first preference is to move to an English school in the local area regardless of where the JFPS program is located. More information about the survey and the criteria for assessing survey results will be shared if necessary.

We hope to see you at the May 3 meeting. Regular updates will continue to be shared, both before and after the meeting, through the school's web site. As always, we encourage you to share questions you may have with school administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Butcher".

Beth Butcher
Executive Superintendent LC1

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla Kisko".

Carla Kisko
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