



June 1, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, the TDSB has committed to an extensive mitigation plan for John Fisher JPS and has determined that, in light of the mitigation plan, it can continue to operate the school from the existing location during construction of the neighbouring tower at 18-30 Erskine Ave. We are confident that the excellent French Immersion programming for students will continue.

As we committed, in spite of our determination that the school can continue to operate during construction, the TDSB conducted a survey to gather parent/guardian's preferences regarding the school location. The survey opened on May 26 at 2 p.m. and closed on May 31 at 5 p.m. At the time of closing, there were 179 parental/guardian respondents out of 399 surveys sent (response rate of 45%). The number of students represented within the 399 surveys sent was a total of 506.

The survey was sent to the parent/guardian listed as the family's priority contact within Trillium. Each response was then applied to the family's children attending John Fisher JPS (current SK to Grade 5 and incoming SK students for September 2017). As outlined in the letter sent to parents on May 26, non-responses were counted as a preference to stay at the current John Fisher JPS location.

#### **Results:**

- Responses in favour of relocating the John Fisher JPS program to Vaughan Road Academy totalled 9, representing 14 students.
- Responses indicating an intention to withdraw from John Fisher JPS totalled 18, representing 21 students.
- Responses in favour of remaining at John Fisher JPS (including non-responses) totalled 372, representing 471 students.

These results clearly indicate that the majority of the John Fisher JPS community prefers to remain at its current location throughout the proposed construction at 18-30 Erskine Ave. The survey and the results do not alter or diminish, in any way, the TDSB's responsibility to students and staff, and it is the TDSB that has made a decision to continue operating John Fisher JPS at its current location, in light of the mitigation plan that is in place.

As a reminder, tomorrow, June 2, a link to the TDSB Central Special Placement Process application and instructions for families wishing to withdraw their child/ren from the French Immersion program at John Fisher JPS will be sent to one parent/guardian per family (priority contact in Trillium). For those who do not have access to email or a computer, paper copies of the application form can be filled out at the school office. More information on the Central Special Placement Process can be found on the school website.

Thank you. We will update you on the next steps as information becomes available.

Sincerely,



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