



May 24, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At our Board meeting this evening, the Board of Trustees approved an agreement and comprehensive safety plan between the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and KG Group, which was part of a report adopted unanimously by the Planning and Priorities Committee on May 17. To view the report/mitigation measures, please visit:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=A&Folder=Agenda%2f20170517&Filename=170517+John+Fisher+Tower+3129.pdf>.

This agreement places the safety of students and staff as a top priority and establishes the following:

- Compliance with all 14 mitigation measures outlined in ECOH's Risk Assessment Report and its addendum.
- The retention of independent monitoring consultants by the TDSB and developer as well as daily inspection and monitoring of mitigation measures and activities related to noise, dust or vibration, causing an adverse impact on air quality.
- Communication and co-operation between both independent third party monitoring consultants, while preserving all remedies available to the TDSB, including an injunction from the Court if that becomes necessary.
- A provision that states that the developer will suspend all significant construction activity from the start of the school year until October 15, 2017, or until the TDSB has finished implementing certain key risk mitigation measures.
- A financial payment from the developer of \$500,000.
- An agreement between the TDSB and the developer that it will include all risk mitigation measures attributable to the developer in the Construction Mitigation Plan to be submitted to the City of Toronto.

The TDSB has reviewed the Enhanced Traffic Safety report completed by Tedesco Engineering and supports it. We have recommended the City, which has responsibility for all traffic control matters related to the construction of the tower, to give consideration to a number of the recommendations included in the report. The TDSB has committed to increase traffic vigilance by implementing a safety protocol regarding pick-up and drop-off at the school.

The TDSB will also be seeking financial contribution from the City of Toronto through its process, which has received \$1.1 million from the KG Group under a Section 37 agreement. These funds would be used for outdoor playground/recreation spaces for the school as well as the community and would free-up resources which the TDSB could re-direct towards further capital improvements at the school.

We sincerely appreciate the concerns and suggestions raised by parents related to safety and risk mitigation measures. We will continue to meet and talk with parents as well as the developer and City

staff to ensure the focus remains on safety, and we are able to deal with any unforeseen issues that may arise through the various construction stages.

We'll share information on the survey, placement process and timelines by the end of the week. Information on the next steps including timelines for risk mitigation work such as the installation of new windows and air conditioning will be shared as soon as it becomes available. Please visit the school website for regular updates.

Sincerely,



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