



May 26, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the agreement and comprehensive safety mitigation plan (<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=A&Folder=Agenda%2f20170517&Filename=170517+John+Fisher+Tower+3129.pdf>) between the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and KG Group now approved by the Board, the TDSB has determined that it is safe to operate the school at the John Fisher building throughout the duration of construction at 18-30 Erskine Ave.

Previously, we committed to you that even if we determine that the Board can safely operate John Fisher JPS at the current location during construction, we would provide parents with a survey on whether they prefer to move the entire school to the Vaughan Road Academy (VRA) building. As you will remember, this survey was suspended as parents expressed the need for more details on the mitigation strategy before they could complete it.

One parent (priority contact in Trillium) will receive an email with a new survey link, May 26, 2017, between 2 and 2:30 p.m. The survey will close on May 31 at 5 p.m. Please check your Junk Mail folder if you do not see it in your regular inbox. The results will be shared on June 2.

In order for the TDSB to plan accordingly, it is important for parents to complete this survey. If two thirds of the student population (current John Fisher JPS students in SK to Grade 5 and incoming SK students for September 2017) opt to move to the Vaughan Road Academy building and remain in French Immersion, the TDSB will consider moving the program. Please note that if you do not complete the survey, the TDSB will assume that you wish your child to remain in French Immersion at the John Fisher site.

Regardless of these two options, we also committed to establish a process for parents who wish to withdraw their child/ren from the French Immersion program at John Fisher JPS and seek placement in an English-program school. On March 22, 2017, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to address the placement of students in exceptional circumstances such as the one at John Fisher JPS. Students will be centrally placed according to the principles approved by the Board which include home address, available space at potential receiving schools, grade, siblings, distance and child care needs.

An email will also be sent containing a link to the online application form as well as instructions to one parent/guardian per family (priority contact in Trillium) on June 2, 2017. Again, please check your Junk Mail folder if you do not see it in your regular inbox. The special placement process application for John Fisher JPS students wishing to withdraw from the French Immersion program at John Fisher JPS will close on June 7 at 5 p.m. 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 special placement process can be found on the school website (<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/johnfisher/JohnFisherConstructionandDevelopment.aspx>).

Lastly, if the demolition of the building adjacent to John Fisher JPS takes place during the summer, the French Connection Child Care Centre will be temporarily relocated to Bedford Park Public School. The Child Care Centre will be moving back to the John Fisher building when it is determined that it is safe to do so, or before the start of the school year. Based on the survey results, should the TDSB decide to move the school to the Vaughan Road Academy building, the French Connection Child Care Centre will be offered space at Sunny View Junior and Senior PS. This move would include the pre-school program as well as the before and after school program.

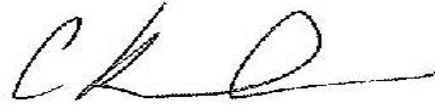
Should the school move to the Vaughan Road building, transportation will be provided to all students. Students will be picked-up and dropped-off at their local school (students who live in the Eglinton area will be picked-up and dropped-off at Northern Secondary School). Bussing times will be similar to times experienced now – this will be accomplished by adjusting the school day.

We will keep you updated on the next steps as information becomes available.

Sincerely,



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