



August 31, 2017

Dear John Fisher Junior Public School Community,

We hope you enjoyed the summer break.

As you know, a new development is under construction at 18-30 Erskine Avenue, adjacent to John Fisher JPS. In order to enhance safety measures and mitigate risks during construction, the TDSB has committed to an extensive mitigation plan, which places the safety of students and staff as a top priority. As part of this plan, the TDSB has committed to implement a number of mitigation measures outlined in a risk assessment report (Phase II) prepared by Environmental Consulting Occupational Health (ECOH), an independent third party consultant.

We are glad to inform you that we are ahead of schedule on many projects undertaken over the summer and the school is ready to welcome students on September 5.

In particular, we have completed the following:

- Installation of new double-paned windows (Phase I and II windows identified by ECOH).
- Installation of all new window air conditioning units recommended by ECOH.
- Installation of a new split air conditioning unit in the basement.
- Installation of a new air conditioning system at the gymnasium (east side).
- Removal of all friable asbestos containing material as recommended by ECOH.
- Removal of all flaking lead containing paint as recommended by ECOH.
- Construction of a twelve-foot high hoarding wall on the west side.
- Installation of a new pedestrian/student access gate on Keewatin Avenue to be connected to the asphalt track (pending City permitting).
- Installation of new play equipment on the west side.
- Installation of a new artificial turf field and all related landscaping north of the school, near Keewatin Avenue.
- Installation of new carpet tiles in the library.
- Planting of 19 new trees and five new shrubs.
- Relocation of the full-day kindergarten play area to the front of the school.

ECOH has inspected the school and verified that abatement work was successfully completed by a professional and qualified contractor. This work included the removal of accessible friable asbestos containing materials and accessible loose or flaking lead paints. Visual inspections and air monitoring completed by ECOH indicate that abatement work was performed safely and in accordance with project specifications, applicable Health & Safety regulations and Toronto District School Board policies.



In the next few days, we will finish installing a new play area in the existing parking area. Also, over the next few months, we will replace any remaining windows with double-paned windows and engage students in an art project involving the hoarding wall.

As part of an agreement signed between the TDSB and KG Group (developer), each party will have an independent third party monitor to ensure compliance with the risk mitigation measures. ECOH was retained by the TDSB to assume this role on its behalf. In addition, McIntosh Perry Limited was appointed by the parties as an independent expert to resolve any dispute as to compliance with the mitigation plan and appropriate remedial action. In addition, the TDSB has assigned a project manager to the school project.

We continue to work with the City and KG Group and we will soon confirm the establishment of a committee which will include members from the TDSB, City of Toronto, KG Group, JFJPS Parent Council, the French Connection Child Care Centre and West Keewatin neighbourhood group. This committee will meet on a monthly basis and discuss construction issues, including the status of the work and any areas of concern.

We encourage you to visit the school website for important information and regular updates, and to see pictures. If you have additional questions and/or concerns, please contact:

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We are looking forward to a new and exciting school year!

Sincerely,



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