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May 30 update

Dear current and incoming students and parents of York Memorial CI and George Harvey CI,

Last week, TDSB staff reviewed viable options for the York Memorial CI operations during the 2019-2020 school year, and proposed two for consideration. Option 1 would accommodate York Memorial CI and George Harvey CI in the George Harvey building as two separate schools. Option 2 would accommodate York Memorial CI in the former Scarlett Heights Entrepreneurial Academy building at 15 Trehorne Drive, near Eglinton Avenue and Royal York Road, with George Harvey CI remaining in its building. The two options take into consideration spaces that are available for use next year, and what we have heard to date from parents and students by various means.

This week, those options were presented for discussion and feedback to about 200 parents at a York Memorial CI school council meeting on May 28, some 300 York Memorial CI and George Harvey CI students on May 29, and also to staff at both schools. The presentations included an overview of each facility as well as advantages and disadvantages of each option, and also provided an opportunity for questions. TDSB staff will be in attendance at a George Harvey CI school council meeting on Wednesday, June 5 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm to offer the same presentation to George Harvey CI parents.

In order to help parents and students have a thorough understanding of the options available, TDSB is facilitating an open house at the Scarlett Heights Entrepreneurial Academy building at 15 Trehorne Drive (north of Eglinton Avenue West, off of Royal York Road). The site will be open for self-guided tours on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please sign in upon arrival at the front foyer of the school. Parents will have an opportunity to tour the George Harvey CI facility as well on Monday, June 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please sign in upon entering the front doors of the school.

We want to hear from as many parents and students as possible, so we have developed a [brief online survey](http://surveys.tdsb.on.ca/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=661823&lang=en) (<http://surveys.tdsb.on.ca/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=661823&lang=en>) so you can share what features are most important to you and tell us your preferred option. The survey will be open from Friday, May 31 to Tuesday, June 4 at 4:00 pm. To assist you with completion of the survey, please review the presentation that was shared with parents and students earlier this week, which is posted on [the York Memorial CI school web site](#) for information.

The survey, along with feedback from presentations and from previous input, will help to inform a staff report to TDSB trustees at a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 12 and then at the Board of Trustees' meeting on June 19. The report will also include cost considerations. Following that, we will share the outcome with students, parents, and staff.

Thank you for your contributions to date. We sincerely appreciate the comments we've received and look forward to hearing more in the coming days so that we can arrive at an informed decision about the next school year.

Yours in partnership,

Donna Drummond (Principal)