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Dear Parent/Guardian & Junior Mustang!

Please know that during this difficult time incoming York Memorial families have been in our thoughts as well. We know that you have many questions about how the fire will impact our operations for next year. First and foremost, thank you for choosing our school. When you did so, you became part of a strong tradition of supporting student success in our community. That tradition--and the friends made, the memories created, and successes experienced--are so much more than the building where it all happens. While we have been displaced from our home, that tradition will continue, with students, staff, and programming at the very heart of it. At this point, we don't know the full impact of the fire on the school building and its contents, nor what the implications are for the next school year. We do know that York Memo will be operating next year, and that includes a robust grade 9 program.

Today, students reported to George Harvey CI where we welcomed everyone back and reviewed details of the plan for the final weeks of this school year. We will also be hosting a meeting for current York Memo and George Harvey CI parents about those plans. Following that, and once we have more information about the status of the York Memo CI building and what the next school year holds, we will organize another meeting for parents, including incoming families, so that we can share updates and respond as best we can to any questions you may have.

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we manage this extraordinary situation. We are so thankful that no one was seriously injured in the fires. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Police for their tireless work, and to school and TDSB staff for their herculean efforts. I'm so proud to lead a staff of dedicated professionals that you too will come to know and appreciate. We've also had incredible support from other TDSB staff as well, particularly School Superintendent Marguerite Campbell and the wonderful, welcoming George Harvey CI school community led by Principal Sam Miceli.

I look forward to meeting each of you soon.

Yours in partnership,

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