



October 18, 2024

To the Blake school community

As many of you know Metrolinx is expanding transit on the rail line adjacent to Blake Street Junior Public School. Over the years the Blake school community has been championing playground updates that have been delayed due to this work. Metrolinx is now seeking to expropriate some of the school land near the rail line for their work, a portion of the 'toboggan hill'. An image of the area is publicly available on page 52 of this report: <https://torontolandscorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-10-17-TLC-Board-Meeting-Full-Agenda.pdf> This expropriation is expected to be discussed on the TDSB Board agenda in upcoming weeks.

My understanding is that TDSB cannot stop this expropriation from happening, but can seek to negotiate some of the terms with Metrolinx. As area Trustee I have asked that as part of any negotiation related to this expropriation that we request Metrolinx:

- provide the school with detailed design documents of their plans next to the school
- compensate TDSB directly for any resulting tree loss, so trees could be replanted at the school
- involve the school in a mural on an anticipated new barrier wall
- make a financial contribution to the Blake School Council to support the playground project that their work is delaying

While I cannot make Metrolinx agree to these items, I am hopeful they will see these



Trustee  
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requests are reasonable and will work with the TDSB and our community on this.

A big thank you to your school council, who has been consistently advocating for the school community during Metrolinx construction.

Please take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sara Ehrhardt'.

Sara Ehrhardt

Trustee, Toronto District School Board Ward 15, Toronto-Danforth

Cc:

Blake Street Junior Public School Superintendent Mike Gallagher

Councillor Paula Fletcher

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