



December 16, 2024

To:

Michael Hodge, Vice President Metrolinx

Kelly Hagan, Vice President Metrolinx

Re: Protecting Pape School Students During Ontario Line Construction

On September 24, I wrote to Metrolinx requesting that updated information be provided to TDSB and the broader community on anticipated Ontario Line construction impacts on and near Pape school. Since receiving updated information, TDSB staff are recommending that Pape school be temporarily relocated during the Ontario Line construction taking place under and near the school property. I understand this decision has been made out of an abundance of caution to support school safety, wellbeing, and to preserve an effective learning environment.

The earliest the school and childcare could relocate is over the summer of 2025, to allow for a September 2025 school start at the recently restored Jones Ave School.

During the November 26 Construction Liaison Committee meeting, Metrolinx shared that it is planning to begin work as early as January 2025 around Pape school that could lead to noise, dust and area traffic interruptions during the school day.

I would ask that Metrolinx reconsider its plans in the area of Pape school for the first half of 2025 to defer wherever possible area work with daytime noise, dust and traffic impacts until after the school is able to be relocated.

I would specifically ask that you consider shifting the timing of the microtunneling work adjacent and under the school so it occurs later in 2025.

I am hopeful that TDSB and Metrolinx, both provincial entities serving the public interest, can



Trustee
Sara Ehrhardt
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work together productively during Ontario Line construction to ensure safe environments for children at all impacted schools.

Thank you for considering this request and I look forward to hearing from you.

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

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

Cc:

Pape Construction Liaison Committee

Neethan Shan, Chair, TDSB

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Peter Tabuns, MPP

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