



November 5, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and Staff:

As you may know, in 2016-17 the TDSB conducted a Pupil Accommodation Review to address low enrolment and facility condition issues at Dennis Avenue Community School, Cordella Junior Public School, and other feeder schools to Rockcliffe Middle School. As a result of this review, in June 2017, the Board of Trustees approved that Rockcliffe MS will close, the feeder schools will expand their grade ranges up to Grade 8, and Cordella Jr PS will close and merge with Dennis Avenue CS in a new building to be constructed on the Dennis site.

In 2018, the Ministry of Education provided funds to the TDSB to construct the new Dennis building. Since 2018, the TDSB has been going through the design and construction process. We are pleased to share the new Dennis building will be completed and ready for occupancy by September 2025.

As we prepare to close Cordella Jr PS and merge it with Dennis Avenue CS, we will be conducting a transition process this school year. This will involve forming an Implementation Team with parent and staff representatives from Cordella Jr PS and Dennis Avenue CS, the local Trustee, and TDSB central staff. Parent representatives will be selected by each school's parent council. The Implementation Team is an advisory group that will meet monthly to monitor progress and make recommendations regarding all aspects of the transition process. The Implementation Team will hold two public meetings with the parents and staff of Cordella Jr PS and Dennis Avenue CS to share information and answer questions.

The Implementation Team will begin meeting in November. Information and updates on activities and events related to the closure of Cordella Jr PS, the merger with Dennis Avenue CS, and the move into the new Dennis building will be shared with you throughout this school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your principal or to me at 416-394-2063.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Tracey", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Alex Tracey
Superintendent of Education, Family of Schools 7
Cc. Trustee Liban Hassan, Ward 6