

## PAPE AVENUE SCHOOL

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Thursday December 19, 2024

Dear Pape Avenue, JPS Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

I am writing to provide an important update regarding the proposed plan to temporarily relocate Pape Avenue Junior Public School and Pape Children's House (PCH) to the Jones Avenue building for September 2025.

As you know, at a community meeting on November 28, TDSB staff presented the recommendation to temporarily relocate the school and daycare due to the ongoing Metrolinx Ontario Line construction. The recommendation to relocate was made, out of an abundance of caution, to address concerns around health, safety, and potential disruptions to the learning environment.

## Next Steps

This week, senior TDSB staff supported the recommendation to temporarily relocate Pape Avenue JPS and PCH. The next step will now be to bring the recommendation before the TDSB Board of Trustees for final approval. A report outlining the recommendation is expected to be presented to Trustees at the Planning and Priorities Committee meeting on January 16, 2025, and is scheduled to be presented at the January 22, 2025 Board meeting.

## **Ongoing Work**

To ensure that we can meet the relocation timeline, the following important work continues as we await Board approval:

- Additional work to Jones Avenue to prepare for the accommodation of Pape Avenue JPS and PCH students, including dedicated outdoor play areas.
- A strategy for effectively sharing space with Earl Grey Senior PS.

 Plans for a series of improvements to the Pape building, including the replacement of mechanical and electrical systems, building upgrades, site improvements and interior work.

We know that families will have questions as we plan for the relocation. To ensure that we are sharing information and addressing questions in the most effective way, families will be receiving a survey in the new year where they will be able to share their preferences for working collaboratively with the school (regular virtual meetings, in-person meetings, email communication and FAQs, small parent representative groups, etc.). Please look out for this survey in the new year.

For more information, please refer to the staff presentation shared last month and the meeting recording, both available on the <u>TDSB website</u>.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Questions and feedback can also be sent to:

• Staff's email: accommodationreviews@tdsb.on.ca

Trustee's email: Sara.Ehrhardt@tdsb.on.ca

Sincerely,

As pu Ms. Shea Principal