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Dear Hartsdale families & neighbours,

I am writing to update you on the progress of the Peel District School Board's new Hartsdale Avenue Public School. As you know, this new school is being built on the former Lyndwood Public School site. Although we have made tremendous progress since we last communicated with you in February 2011, we have encountered serious delays to major parts of the construction project that affects the scheduled completion date of the new school building.

Roadwork and landscaping work, which includes municipal mandated upgrades to the roads on and around the school site, cannot be done properly in the current weather conditions. The extent of the work and the winter weather would create hazardous traffic and access conditions for Hartsdale and the neighbouring St. Dominic Elementary School. Therefore, roadwork and landscaping has been postponed to summer 2012. This work could not have been done earlier without the site plan approval from the city.

In addition, we continue to experience difficulties in finalizing the new water service to the building and have been unable to conduct the required testing of both the plumbing and fire safety systems. We are working with the municipal authorities and expect our water service work to be completed in early 2012.

As a result of these delays, the new Hartsdale Avenue Public School is now scheduled to open its doors to students in September 2012. In the interim, Hartsdale students will continue to be accommodated at Neil C. Matheson Public School.

If you've ever built a new home, you know that there are often delays that are beyond your control. Thank you for your patience as we continue the work to build a new school that will provide students with an incredible learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy Wright, controller of planning and accommodation services at 905-890-1010 ext. 2203.

Yours truly,



Tony Pontes  
Director of Education

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