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Dear Hillside MS Families,

I am pleased to update you on the status of the construction plans at our Hillside MS home at 1290 Kelly Road. As part of the Clarkson/Erindale ARC (Accommodation Review) Hillside School will soon be converted from a Middle School to a full Elementary school including Kindergarten to Grade 8, welcoming together the families of Elmcrest PS, Hillside MS, and Willow Glen PS. This work will include an addition, internal renovations, and the renewal and improvements both within the school and on the exterior site and grounds. It will also prepare the school for the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten. Tendering of the project has been completed and approved by the PDSB, and we are now working on the final approvals which will allow construction activities to commence.

The first activity families are now seeing are part of the Boards preparation work to “get things ready”. As you are aware, and as the sign at the front of the school shares, the Hillside M.S. has moved out of the building and is temporarily sharing a home here at the Homelands S.P.S. location.

More recently, and in preparation for actual construction the General Contractor has been authorized by the Board to begin certain activities at the school, such as the installation of construction fencing and protective hoarding around the site. We anticipate to see that fencing installation commence in the next few days.

All in all, great news as we prepare for this major project which will mean exciting and positive changes for the school, our students, and the neighbourhood. We expect construction to start soon, and at that time I will follow up with families with some further communication and additional details which we hope will be helpful.

In the interim I welcome your comments at any time, so please contact me at 905-820-0122 if you have questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

Jim Brook, Principal

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