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Dear Parents/Guardians of E.J. Sand Public School Students:

In November 2015, the York Region District School Board received funding approval to rebuild E.J. Sand Public School. The E.J. Sand Public School replacement school will be re-built onsite with an anticipated completion date of September 2020.

Since 2015, Board staff have been working through the municipal approval process, design of the school and have examined options for student accommodation during the construction. In the interest of student safety, it has been determined that students should be located offsite during the construction of the replacement school for approximately two (2) school years prior to the completion of the replacement.

Board staff reviewed holding options which included holding at existing elementary or secondary schools in close proximity with available space, however, these options required the use of portables and/or modifications to the school and/or site.

When the York Catholic District School Board announced the decision to close Holy Family Catholic Elementary School, located at 21 Mullen Drive, Vaughan which is 4.7 km from E.J. Sand Public School, Board staff investigated the potential to use this as a holding location. This became the preferred option to hold students from E.J. Sand Public School as it would allow E.J. Sand Public School to operate on its own in a school facility.

Board staff have been working with the York Catholic District School Board to finalize a lease for the former Holy Family Catholic Elementary School building.

Next Steps:

E.J. Sand Public School students will be held at the Holy Family Elementary School building beginning September 4, 2018. Students will hold at this site for 2 years as the proposed opening for the new E.J. Sand Public School is September 2020.

Transportation to and from 21 Mullen Drive in Vaughan, will be provided as per policy 680.0.

In June 2018, a site visit to the temporary new E.J. Sand Public School building will be scheduled for parents and students to tour the school prior to starting the new school year in September 2018.

Once the new E.J. Sand Public School building has received site plan approval from the City of Markham, the Board will share the design with the school community.

If you have any questions, please contact Planning Services at planning.services@yrdsb.ca or 905-727-0022, extension 2424.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rashmi Swarup".

Rashmi Swarup
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