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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we head into spring, I would like to provide some construction updates to our Wellesley school community. I would like to remind everyone that we have two projects slated for this year – the first is the addition of two new rooms at the north end of the junior pod. The second project involves knocking down the wall between room 19 and our resource room. This will create one larger kindergarten class and one smaller resource room. The kindergarten project will start at the beginning of July.

More exciting is the fact that the addition to the junior pod will start even sooner. The architects have completed all the drawings and the contractors have been hired for our two projects. We have very recently been told that the contractors will be **starting our addition on Monday March 31**. We realize this is short notice but things have been moving very quickly.

I will be working closely with the architects and contractors to make sure that all goes well and to ensure the safety of all staff and students at Wellesley during these projects. We will provide updates on the school website (www.wel.wrdsb.ca) as the projects continue. Due to the nature and scope of the projects, there will be some impact on students, staff and parents over the next three months. We will do our best at the school level to minimize any disruptions to the class learning environment. This has already been discussed and details worked out with the contractor.

As part of the construction project, the contractor will be building a temporary gravel road at the east side of the school (side closest to Greenwood Hill Road). This will be for construction traffic. In addition, the contractor will also be putting up a chain link fence around a large area at the north-east side of the school. **Please note that this work will begin on Monday March 31**. As a result, next Monday morning there will be implications for students related to entranced procedures in the morning and at nutrition breaks, as well as routes to and from school. Here is some key information regarding these implications:

- **The crosswalk at the east end of Ferris Drive will not be accessible for students and parents.** If you normally walk to or from school using this crosswalk, you will not be able to do this from April until September. There will be no access from the crosswalk to the back of the school due to the fencing. We suggest using the crosswalk at the west end of Ferris Drive
- **All primary and junior bus students will now exit the bus and walk around the front of the school.** The pathway behind the school will not be in use.
- **All junior students will line up in the morning outside their recess door entrance.**

Thanks in advance for your support and patience as we go through changes to our school building. It will definitely be worth it in the end. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school.

Sincerely,

Brian Morgan
Principal