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Update regarding Lexington P.S. addition and new school construction

On June 21, 2010, the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) approved in principle the construction of a 13 classroom addition and renovations to Lexington P.S. to tentatively be completed for September 2012 and a new elementary school located at 410 Falconridge Drive, Kitchener, to tentatively be completed for September 2014. These approvals were recommendations resulting from the East K-W Elementary Schools Accommodation Review conducted over the 2009/10 school year. The approval of both projects was subject to and contingent on obtaining Ministry of Education funding.

Over the past few years, the Ministry has approved very few of the Board's capital funding requests outside of capital to support the implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten. In May 2012, at the request of the Ministry, WRDSB staff submitted an updated list of the Board's priority capital projects, which included the above mentioned projects. Ministry staff evaluated these projects against a number of criteria and allocated funding to the WRDSB for 3 capital projects which were announced on January 24, 2013. Unfortunately, the Lexington P.S. addition and 410 Falconridge Drive school projects did not receive funding. This means the timing for the new construction is uncertain. These projects remain as top priorities for the Board overall, and will be submitted again as part of the WRDSB's next Capital Priorities funding submission.

As you may have noticed, construction has commenced on a 3 classroom addition to accommodate the Full-Day Kindergarten program at Lexington P.S. starting in September 2013. This addition has been strategically located so that replacement of the porta-pack classroom wing and other renovations may still occur once funding is allocated.

The WRDSB also approved as part of the East KW Elementary Schools Accommodation Review, a review of the senior elementary (Grade 7 and 8) facilities in the City of Waterloo and City of Kitchener core areas. On May 14, 2012, the WRDSB opted to delay this review until such time as the funding situation for potential outcomes is clarified. Any boundary changes that were approved as to coincide with the opening of a new school at 410 Falconridge Drive will also be delayed until an opening date for the school can be confirmed.

We thank you for your patience during this fiscally challenging time. If you have any questions related to this project or the approved boundary changes, please contact:

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