

## **Updates on the New Schools Construction Project (June 2018):**

Our construction team continues to do a great job continuing to keep the project on time and within budget. They are busy putting the finishing touches on the new building which will be available for the 2018-19 school year, a new modular is now onsite and the demolition of the existing Golden Brook School is set to begin in early July.

Here are some answers to questions that you may have at this time. We will continue to provide you with updates on the project and increase the cadence of communication as the first day of school approaches.

### ***What is the plan for the 2018-19 School Year?***

Golden Brook School will continue to house Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 during the 2018-19 school year. We will be moving our students into the new building in order that the construction team can shift focus to the demolition and reconstruction of the existing GBS building. Four Grade 1 classrooms and all Grade 2 classrooms will transfer into the new building. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms will remain in the same area. A new modular has been placed onsite and will house four Grade One classrooms to be determined over the summer, two Guidance Counselors, Special Education Director, Principal Hunt, Assistant Principal Martin, the Main Office and the Nurse's Office. While these classrooms will be placed in the modulares, they will have their specials (library, gym, digital literacy) in the new building along with lunch and recess with their peers. As with the other Grade 1 classrooms, music and art will be held in individual classrooms.

### ***Is the modular used?***

No, the modular is brand new and has never been used before.

### ***Is the modular secure?***

Yes, the modular is secure and includes two security doors as well as a buzzed intercom system for entry.

### ***Why is there not any administrators in the school building? What if there is a problem?***

As they do now, administrators will be constantly walking through the building and will handle any potential problems as they do accordingly.

### ***If students need to go to the nurse, are they accompanied or does the nurse go to the student?***

Students will visit the nurse as they currently do or the nurse will go to the student if the situation requires.

***What if I do not want my child placed in the modular?***

While we may take placement requests due to learning styles and special circumstances under advisement, we will not honor requests to be placed in one building vs. the modular. The only difference between the Grade 1 classes in the new building and those in the modulars is the physical location of the classroom. All Grade 1 students will have access to the same programs and services and will be together for lunch, recess, field trips and special programs.

***Can visitors enter the new building?***

No, no one is allowed entry into the new building without being 'buzzed' in. All visitors must enter the school through the main office, which will be housed in the modular for the 2018-19 school year.

***Will the playground and fields be accessible during the 2018-19 school year?***

Yes

***Will the drop-off and pick-up procedure be different for the 2018-19 school year?***

Yes, we anticipate that the drop-off and pick-up procedure will be different for the 2018-19 school year. MacMillin Construction has provided us with a logistics site map and we will be communicating more details on the dropoff and pickup process as we get closer to the first day of school.

***Can I view the new building and modular?***

Families will be able to view the new building and modular during the individual meet and greets which will be held as Thursday, August 30. We cannot allow public tours as the area continues to be an active construction site and may pose safety risks. We will continue to provide photos and updates of the construction project to the community.

***When will the new schools construction project be completed?***

The new schools construction project is on track to be completed for the 2019-2020 school year. At that time, Golden Brook School will be a Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4 school.

**Please stay tuned for additional updates as we get closer to the first day of school on September 4!**