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To all YK1 parents:

Thank you for all of the engagement and feedback you've provided us on the École J.H. Sissons project. Your attention to detail and ensuring that we answered all of your questions is the kind of school community we always hope to build. And thank you too to those of you participating on the Advisory Committee, your work is very much appreciated.

At our most recent meeting in October, we discussed the draft student accommodation plan over the next three years. We have looked at numerous options, and we have heard all of your insights and concerns. We believe we've come up with the best option, given your feedback, classroom sizes, enrolments and program commitments. The attached version is the best approach we have right now with the information available to us. If there are any further necessary changes, we will inform you as far in advance as possible.

We know that change and compromise are difficult. We are working closely with the departments of Education, Culture and Employment and Infrastructure, and we have the benefit of their guidance and knowledge in capital projects like this one. They have committed to some infrastructure modifications, like expanding and rerouting drop-off areas and parking lots. As we have developed the draft accommodation plan, we have kept your concerns top of mind. We understand that some families are concerned their children will be attending separate schools over the transition to a new school. To that end, we will have counselling services available for both parents and students.

We will continue to provide you with activity updates and project summaries over the coming months, and as always, we hope that you stay in touch with us. We know that École J.H. Sissons is much loved by the school community, so we welcome any suggestions on how to appropriately say farewell to the school and mark the occasion.

As parents, we value your input and involvement, and we will continue to host meetings to provide you with updates on the demolition, design and construction. For further questions, contact YK1 Superintendent Metro Huculak directly.

Sincerely,

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Final YK1 Accommodation Plan



Grades JK – 7 at École William McDonald Middle School

Projected École J.H. Sissons School Enrollment

	JK	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Classes
2019-20									
2020-21	45	45	65	40	52	44	43	334	16
2021-22	45	45	45	65	40	52	44	336	16

- *There is currently a potential of 22 classrooms available at École William McDonald Middle School.*
- *All Grade 8 students from École William McDonald Middle School would move to École Sir John Franklin High School for the duration of construction.*
- *With the addition of portables, there will be sufficient space to house all Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5 École J.H. Sissons students together at École William McDonald Middle School.*

École William McDonald Middle School/ École J.H. Sissons (Grades JK – 7)

	JK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6E	6FI	6IF	7E	7FI	7PIF	8E	8FI	8PIF	Total	Classes
2019-20								15	36	24	30	35	19	20	29	40	248	
2020-21	45	45	65	40	52	44	43	26	39	26	15	37	23				500	23
2021-22	45	45	45	65	40	52	44	20	38	36	26	39	26				521	24