

Dear Families and Staff,

As our building project gets underway, I wanted to share some information with you. I will try to do a brief update throughout the project (at least monthly), just to keep everyone aware of our progress. In addition, the district website has a page labelled "School Building Project" and we are in the midst of updating and organizing it so you can check in for information there. On that page, you will find drawings, presentations, progress reports and pictures, School Building Committee information, cost information, etc.

The big task that has taken precedence on our end this month has been the traffic change that will occur during construction. We will implement a new traffic pattern at WBMS on Monday, February 24, 2020 (Monday after February vacation). Families that have children attending WBMS will receive a separate letter and diagram prior to vacation so they know what to expect on Monday after vacation.

To those of you that have been dropping off or picking up your children at WBMS over the last month, I thank you for your patience as the construction company has shifted some areas. The construction crews have begun work on widening one of the entrances to accommodate two-way traffic and a walkway for students. In addition, they will be expanding the South parking lot in the next two weeks to add spaces that were taken from losing access to the North parking lot.

You may have read an article in the Gazette indicating we were considering using Button Road. Yes, we did consider that option, however, we have decided not to use Button Road. We will do the best we can with our property, knowing that we can deploy our staff and administration to adjust or address any issues that may arise.

The construction work may cause some delays in dropping off and picking up students at WBMS, so please allow extra time if you are coming to the school for that or any other reason. If you do not come to WBMS daily, but may find yourself here for a basketball game or to vote - please follow the signs that will be erected, as this will be a change from what you have done in the past.

I will be posting the diagram of the new traffic pattern on our website so you can have access to it whenever you need.

Allison LeClair, Superintendent