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Good Afternoon,

PUBLIC UPDATE FOR EJ SAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

Though education has looked different this past spring, we wanted to inform you, the school and broader communities that we have continued to work hard on the replacement of EJ Sand Public School.

We have confirmed that an ancestral Huron Wendat Village was located on the southern portion of the site.

Through positive dialogue with the Huron Wendat Nation, we reviewed multiple options and determined placement of the new school on the site should be shifted north to respect the discovery of the ancestral village.

Shifting the school requires the Board to commence a new site plan application. In light of these and other events, we need to inform you that the opening date of the new school will need to be delayed from September 2021 to 2022. We recognize that this is disappointing but our goal is to open the school as soon as possible while being respectful of the Indigenous peoples who lived on this land.

We have secured the continued use of the former Holy Family CES to hold EJ Sand PS until the new school is constructed and open for students.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gillian Gibbons".

Gillian Gibbons
Superintendent of Schools
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