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Dear Bill Hogarth Secondary School Parents and Students:

We have been closely monitoring the construction at Bill Hogarth Secondary School, and it is exciting to see the beautiful design come to life. We are looking forward to welcoming students, staff and families to what promises to be a superb new facility.

As you know, an extremely wet spring resulted in delays in construction that we were hoping to make up with drier weather during the summer to open on schedule. Unfortunately, the rain has continued steadily into the summer months causing further delays despite significant efforts by the construction crews and board staff. Although the inside of the building has progressed well, the weather has slowed critical work on the exterior of the building and building site. With the work remaining and weather forecast ahead, it is now clear that we will not be able to open the new building for September. Therefore, we are activating the contingency plan that was previously communicated to you in June.

We promised an update by mid-August, but wanted to inform you at the earliest opportunity. As per the contingency plan shared in June, Bill Hogarth Secondary School will operate out of Bur Oak Secondary School to start the school year in September. Bur Oak Secondary School is located at 933 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham. We anticipate that the move to the new Bill Hogarth Secondary School will occur in November but will confirm the schedule for moving in the fall.

This is not the news we were hoping to deliver; however, the weather is beyond all of our control. The administration and staff continue to look forward to welcoming all Bill Hogarth Secondary School students and families in September, and then to the new building later this fall. We know you will have many questions and have prepared the attached Q&A to address some of the main topics, such as school start and end times, the timetable, transportation, communication, start-up procedures, transfer requests, etc. Please send any additional questions you might have to bill.hogarth.ss@yrdsb.ca and we will do our best to answer them in a timely fashion and update the Q&A accordingly. This letter and the Q&A will be posted on the Bill Hogarth Secondary School website as well.

We thank the administration and staff of Bur Oak Secondary School for their generous support in welcoming the Bill Hogarth Secondary School community. And we thank you for your understanding and patience and trust that we can continue to work together towards a successful start for Bill Hogarth Secondary School at Bur Oak Secondary School, while we look forward to the transition to the new building later in the fall. We will continue to keep you updated and look forward to seeing you in September.

Warm Regards,

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