

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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TO: Chair and Members of the
Superior-Greenstone District School Board

FROM: Wayne Chiupka, Manager of Plant Services

SUBJECT: BAPS School Replacement Project – Update January 2011

Background:

At the Board meeting of June 21, 2010, the Board awarded the tender for Alteration to GCHS for the New BA Parker Public School Renovation to Quinan Construction Limited. Mobilization was carried out, by Quinan, to begin construction soon after the award.

Work was designed to take place in two phases:

Phase 1 includes the creation of a new High School Library and relocation of the Welding Shop, Art Room, and Sewing Room. The objective is to vacate all spaces needed for the future BA Parker School. Changes to parking and traffic flow are also to be addressed to enable construction to progress in Phase 2 with minimal effect on school users.

Phase 2 includes the creation of the new BA Parker School. Other work will also take place to relocate some of the space needed by Confederation College to other areas of the building. Extensive grounds work and painting will be carried out to put the final touches on the site and building. The new BAPS school has been designed with a capacity of 184 according to Ministry of Education room loading and contains 8 classrooms (5 regular classrooms, 1 computer room, 2 Kindergarten rooms), and a Special Ed room.

Current Situation:

The contractor has been installing the high efficiency triple pane windows, and has installed a majority of the new windows. Several windows are yet to be completed along with the final sealing and trim. Work on the windows took place while school was in session with the school making rooms available, one at a time. Approximately 60 windows were to be installed.

Parking on the site continues to be an issue, but we are looking at temporary solutions to get through the winter. Handicap parking spots have been set up and located conveniently for accessing the north entrance. A temporary ramp system is being considered, at the main entrance of GCHS, to enable wheelchair access, over winter, until such time that a permanent access can be put in place in the summer.

Heating systems are working well and classrooms are seeing an acceptable comfort level. This will be further improved with the completion of the window installations.

Work is also progressing in areas occupied by Confederation College, which have been affected by the redesign of the building layout. Some spaces were traded in the initial design to enable the new BA Parker Public School to have an efficient layout. Cooperation with the College has been very good, and is much appreciated. Over the Christmas break, internet and telephone demarcation points were relocated. This enabled Confed College to make use of their new spaces.

To ensure the safety of staff, students, and other building users, temporary outside fencing continues to be maintained, to prevent access to excavation areas. The south area of the school is fenced and fully under the control and use of the contractor. Others are not permitted in this area. Areas of the school that are part of Phase 2 have been closed off with temporary walls and doors to ensure access control to the construction areas that will be ongoing. Construction on Phase 2 continues with walls and ventilation equipment/ductwork being installed.

On December 6, 2010, Dave Tamblyn, the Superintendent of Education, held meetings with staff at each of the schools, and an evening public meeting to field questions and gather feedback on the project. A follow up meeting is to be held on January 13, 2011, to provide information to the staff at BAPS.

Bi-monthly teleconference meetings and monthly onsite meetings, of the project management team, take place to keep the project moving along. The GCHS principal is included to ensure awareness of the project progress and anything that may impact the operating school. The next on-site meeting with the architect is tentatively scheduled to take place on January 24 or 31, depending on availability of those who must attend.

Administrative Summary:

The B.A. Parker Public School Replacement Project – Update January 2011 is presented to the Board for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

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