



**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC**  
**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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August 29, 2018

Dear Chatham Catholic Elementary School Parents/Guardians,

I want to update you on the status of our new Chatham elementary school construction projects. As you know, in June 2017 the Board received approval for \$26.7 million in funding to build two new Catholic elementary schools in Chatham.

Since that time, 801 McNaughton Avenue, W. was announced as the location of the north Chatham school. A great deal of work has been completed by our staff, our architects and our Ministry partners, as together we strive to design and construct a fantastic state-of-the-art school for our St. Vincent, St. Agnes and Our Lady of Fatima students and families.

However, as can sometimes happen with multi-million dollar projects, some challenges have arisen regarding the construction phase of the project. We continue to work collaboratively with the Ministry to address these challenges and know that a solution will be reached.

In south Chatham, the Board continues to work with community partners to secure a location for the new school. Although we can say this process has taken longer than we might have anticipated – again, we are confident this is a challenge that will be met.

The challenges we have encountered mean the timelines for completion of these projects cannot be stated with certainty. But good things are worth waiting for and we know that with the cooperation and support of our many partners, we will achieve our common goals. In the meantime, the work of the North Chatham Elementary School Transition Committee will continue, as students, parents and staff develop and plan events to bring our three north school communities together.

Thank you for your patience and your ongoing support. We will continue to keep you updated as developments warrant.

Sincerely,  
Deb Crawford  
Director of Education