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Dear Parents and Families of St. Clement School,

I am writing to provide you with an update on upcoming repairs to your school.

Those of you that have been part of the Saints community for some time will, recall being part of a school closure process in recent years. As part of that process, it was noted that St. Clement School requires significant investments to refresh learning spaces and to provide much needed accessibility modifications to the building.

From a repairs perspective, St. Clement is one of the neediest schools in the Region. In fact, the total renewal work required on the building is close the replacement value of the school.

As part of school closure processes that took place over the last five years, Trustees passed motions that staff continue to petition the Ministry of Education for funding to fully renew or replace the school. Unfortunately, all of our requests have not been successful.

Last spring, Board staff submitted a formal request to rebuild the school using proceeds from the sale of old school properties (our own resources). It has been almost a year since the request was made with no decision offered by the Ministry.

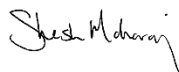
At this time, we are finalizing our summer construction projects. Given the condition of the building, we are now at the point where something must be done. Accordingly, St. Clement School has been placed on our list of schools to receive renovations. Over the summer, we expect to:

- Convert all of the open concept classrooms into standard classrooms with a center hall, four classrooms on top, four classrooms below.
- Refinish the terrazzo floors
- Refresh the building with new paint and ceiling tiles
- Construct a vestibule onto the building which will house an elevator and potentially a renewed administrative area
- Address any HVAC issues

The budget for the work is in the range of \$2M.

While we are disappointed that we cannot provide a new school to the community, we hope these renovations will add new life to a needy building which will continue to serve both present and new families for years to come.

Respectfully,



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