



Monarch Park Collegiate

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Cynthia Abernethy, Principal

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May 26, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: PAINTING PROJECT NOTICE

Further to the information provided regarding school renovation projects at Monarch Park, our school has been scheduled for a painting project that will commence between **May 25, 2017** and **October 31, 2017**. **Painting will take place throughout this time period after school hours and during the day in the summer months.**

The project will involve the application of latex and/or acrylic-based paint on various walls, ceilings, doors and door-frames in the following areas:


- **Various rooms and corridors throughout the entire school.**

Most of this work will be done during school occupied times using only low-odour latex paints. Where necessary such as doors and trim areas, acrylic-based paints will be used after school hours and allowed to ventilate to minimize odours and occupant discomfort. Every effort will be made to ensure staff and student safety during this work.

Please report to me your health and safety concerns related to this work so that alternate arrangements may be made in the event odours or volatile organic compounds (VOC) become an issue.

Your patience and continued cooperation is appreciated during this work.

Sincerely,



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you might expect, repairs and alterations are a necessary part of the operation of any school. That is especially so in older schools such as ours and in situations where circumstances require such work. In preparation for welcoming SOLE Alternative School to Monarch Park in September, we have begun extensive renovations to accommodate incoming students and staff.

In addition, I am pleased to share that our school is set to receive an upgrade to the heating system, including boiler replacement. As a policy and to ensure the safety of students and staff, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) requires prospective work areas to be evaluated before repairs begin. That assessment identified insulation around pipes in the boiler room that contains asbestos. I want to emphasize that this substance is a concern only when it is deteriorating or disturbed and in an open area. The material does not presently pose any danger. However, it does need to be safely removed for the work on the heating system upgrade to begin.

To that end, the TDSB has retained a certified, independent environmental contractor to provide consulting, abatement, and cleanup services. Set up is already underway. The actual abatement will begin this evening and continue throughout the weekend, when students and staff are not in the building. Permits have also been cancelled this weekend and until May 31. After this work is completed, air quality tests will be conducted before occupants are permitted to return to the building. Should a second weekend be required, a similar process will be followed with appropriate set up and subsequent air sampling.

The boiler replacement will take place between May and October. As a result, the pool will be unavailable starting June 5 and until the boiler replacement project is completed. We are also receiving new fans to more effectively circulate air throughout the building. This work and further renovation is expected to continue over the course of the summer, and is estimated to be wrapped up by the end of August. As a result of this very large-scale project, all permits will be cancelled during summer.

All of the work involved in this project will, of course, be closely monitored and performed in accordance with strict government regulations established under the Occupational Health & Safety Act.

I want to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. While we will do our best to minimize disruption, we may experience some inconvenience during this process. Be assured that the safety of students and staff will remain a top priority throughout and that every precaution will be taken to manage this situation properly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Abernethy', written over the printed name and title.

Cynthia Abernethy
Principal

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