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To Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Re: Transition Year Program and Accommodation Update for Stratford Public Schools Renovation Project

In May of this year, Avon Maitland District School Board announced Ministry of Education funding of \$5,135,207.00 for the required renovations to address structural issues at Stratford Central Secondary School. The renovation currently in design will require Ministry approval. Our intention is to have the renovations completed and the school re-opened by September 2020.

As part of the transition year, Stratford Central will close for renovations as of June 21, 2019. During this year, all students will be together at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School. We received a lot of information for consideration from our *thoughtexchange* input gathering process, and for this, we are grateful. We are committed to minimizing the disruption to learning, by having all students together to ensure the smoothest transition possible for students, staff and the community.

The school day during the transition year will closely resemble existing start and end time for both school communities, and will remain within the current busing window. **AMDSB will offer one course calendar for both schools so that every student has access to a full breadth of program.** To accommodate all program offerings for students, the use of satellite spaces such as the Stratford YMCA is presently being examined, as well as the addition of portables.

The steering committee is committed to looking at the details that matter to our students such as program development, building a sense of belonging for all students in one school, sports teams, clubs, transportation, locker space and many other important considerations. There will be additional opportunities for students, staff and parents / guardians to provide input into how to make the transition year run smoothly.

To stay up to date on transition plans, please visit <https://yourschools.ca/stratford-public-schools/>.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact your principal at either Stratford Central Secondary School, or Stratford Northwestern Secondary School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lisa Walsh'.

Dr. Lisa Walsh, Director of Education - Avon Maitland District School Board