

September 1, 2022

Families,

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and were able to take some time to rest and recharge for the upcoming school year. We are excited for September and look forward to welcoming students back to class next week.

I am writing with an update on the driveway entrance at Harold T. Barrett Junior High. Several members of the school community have expressed concerns about its current condition and the safety of those using it. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that improvements are underway.

The HRCE Operations Services team is working closely with engineering consultants to finalize a plan to redesign the driveway entrance. This area will be paved once the new design is complete.

The redesign is a necessary step for us to take to help prevent future issues with the driveway and create a more permanent solution. This has changed the scope of the project and our timeline. We expect the work to be completed by early October 2022. All work will take place after hours once school is back in session.

The safety and well-being of students and staff are top priorities for HRCE. We thank community members for bringing their concerns about this matter to our attention.

If you have any questions, please email Geoffrey Olsson, Coordinator, Maintenance & Capital, HRCE, at Geoff.Olsson@hrce.ca .

Sincerely,

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