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Dear David Cameron Elementary families:

We are pleased to share exciting news coming to the David Cameron Elementary community. On October 31, the Ministry of Education and Child Care announced that David Cameron Elementary is one of the pilot schools to receive a prefabricated addition. The addition will create 190 seats in total, (permanent space for 70 seats currently accommodated by portables and 120 seats for future growth).

What is the difference between a prefabricated addition and a portable?

Prefabricated additions are built off-site and transported to the school where they will be reassembled as permanent structures. While the addition is being fabricated, the civil construction to prepare the school site happens at the same time, speeding up the construction time significantly. Prefabricated additions have a solid foundation, and all the interior design needs of a traditionally constructed expansion. They are permanent and far more durable than portables. The addition will include classrooms, hallways, washrooms, and flex space.

When will the addition be open?

The RFP has concluded, and the project will begin as soon as possible. We are working hard to open the addition for September 2024, with on-site construction beginning in early 2024.

Will there be any impacts to the current school and grounds?

We will work with the contractor to develop a strategy to minimize impacts to our school community. Our students, staff and families will receive more information on this process as we get closer to construction. The school itself and portables on-site will not be impacted.

What will happen to the current portables on-site?

The portables will remain until the end of this school year. They will be moved to another school over the summer to help with our growing student population.

We are grateful to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for helping us enhance capacity at David Cameron Elementary through the addition of modern, energy-efficient learning spaces by next school year. We will keep students, staff and families updated on the project in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Scott Stinson Superintendent/CEO