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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Exciting initiatives are taking place in Catholic education and one of these is the Ministry of Education's recent announcement that our board is receiving \$8.3 million for a major addition to Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in Angus.

As we move ahead with this important project, we are committed to keeping the families and staff of Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School and Prince of Peace Catholic School – the three school communities participating in this initiative – involved and informed.

Project Update

Since the funding announcement, our board staff has been busy. Here are the highlights:

- We are organizing the design work for the new addition and are seeking input from each of the three school communities on this important phase of the project
- After the design phase, we expect the project will go out to tender, meaning securing a building contractor, in the late winter of 2012
- This will allow for the next phase which is for work to begin on the project in the spring of 2012, with a target for completion and school opening in the fall of 2013.

It is important for us to work with each of our school communities regarding the steps that will need to occur prior to construction of the new addition at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School.

Transition Plans – Our Lady of Grace Catholic School and Prince of Peace Catholic School

Before the construction can begin, we need to find a temporary location for the students and staff of Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. Our plan includes a temporary move to Prince of Peace Catholic School. This will ensure our students' education continues without disruption in a safe and welcoming school setting while the construction occurs.

We will be working with both schools to ensure a smooth, temporary move. We know that the staff and students at Prince of Peace will offer a warm reception to Our Lady of Grace's community. This temporary arrangement will also allow for students and families to become more acquainted prior to the move into the new school building. More details on the steps involved and the date of this plan will be discussed with you in the coming weeks.

Transition Plans - Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School

Students and staff of Our Lady of the Assumption will continue faith-filled learning at their school until the construction of the new school building is completed. There will also be a boundary review that the school community will be involved in prior to the move. You will be receiving more details on this review and this project in the weeks ahead.

As with all change, we know you will have lots of questions. We want to assure you that there will be opportunities for good discussion and input as we move ahead together. Our key goal throughout this entire project is to ensure that we honour and celebrate each Catholic school community as we prepare to welcome you into our new Catholic School in 2013.

Yours in faith,



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