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Superintendent



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Dear Downtown Northville and Old Village School Neighbors,

The purpose of this letter is to keep you apprised as Northville Public Schools takes the next steps in a \$10 million construction initiative to restore and repurpose the historic Old Village School and sell the adjacent Main Street School property.

As part of the Downtown Northville and surrounding Old Village School neighborhood, you may have noticed activity under way this week at the now vacant Main Street School facility in preparation for demolition of the structure and the sale of the property. In August 2018, the Northville Board of Education approved a resolution to negotiate a purchase agreement with a developer for up to four single-family homes to be built on five lots on the Main Street property. This includes an additional donation of land by the developer for a green space buffer between Old Village School and the property line for a pocket park on school district property.

For your information and planning, the current timeline for demolition of the Main Street School building, subject to weather, is as follows:

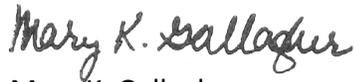
- **Week of February 4:** The environmental abatement process for the building – which got under way in the fall with the completion of the Old Village School renovation – has resumed and is expected to be completed by the end of the week. Utilities at the building also are slated for shut off by the end of the week.
- **Beginning the week of February 11:** The demolition contractor will begin mobilizing the site, setting up temporary fencing and beginning selective interior demolition. It should be noted that there will be no implosion of the building. In this case, demolition will be a slow process, with the building being taken down using heavy equipment. That said, those living closest to the construction site may hear occasional loud equipment noises and/or feel a shaking of the ground from construction vehicles and equipment.
- **Beginning the week of February 18 through the end of demolition:** Above ground demolition of the building is expected to begin, followed by the foundation, and is expected to last five to six weeks. Heavy trucks and construction equipment will be on site to load up and carry away demolition debris. As you drive and walk around the area, keep in mind that construction vehicles will enter and exit the demolition site off West Main Street and travel south on South Rogers Street to Seven Mile Road.

The Old Village School construction and renovation project and sale of the Main Street School property, is the first in a \$104.85 million, multi-year bond initiative generously approved by voters in 2017 that will touch every school. Lovingly restored, Old Village School is now home to five Early Childhood Education classrooms – with room to grow – on the building’s first and second floors and the district’s Central Office Administration on the third floor.

For questions or additional information about the Main Street School demolition, email NPS@NorthvilleSchools.org or call 248-344-3540. Regular Bond 2017 Construction Updates also are available on the district website at www.NorthvilleSchools.org.

We thank you for your understanding and patience during this construction period as we strive to provide our students and teachers with learning environments that meet 21st century teaching and learning practices.

Sincerely,



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