



inform | Jack James High School Renovations

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Dear Louise Dean Centre Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff,

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, we wanted to provide a quick update on the renovation work that will begin at Jack James High School (JJHS) over the summer.

At the end of November 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the closure of Louise Dean School effective June 28, 2024 for the purpose of relocation to JJHS School for the 2024-25 school year. Since that time, the CBE has been working with Oystryk & Team Architecture on the design of dedicated spaces in the school to accommodate the relocation of the Louise Dean Centre (LDC) program.

The work at the JJHS will take place in two phases:

- Phase 1 will take place during July and August 2023 when JJHS students and staff are away from the building for the summer. This time will be used to relocate some spaces in the school so there will be minimal impact on classes in the fall.
- Phase 2 will occur from September 2023 to June 2024. It will focus on redeveloping existing space and expanding the second floor space in the school to create new classrooms, washrooms, flex spaces, offices, interior and exterior daycare spaces, a new stairwell and a dedicated entrance for the LDC.

We are also making changes to the student parking lot. As well, a portion of the current foods classroom will be used to create a new JJHS cosmetology program space that will be accessible to students from both programs.

We are committed to providing regular updates and regular conversations about this work as it continues throughout the next school year. Please visit the [project page](#) on the CBE website for project updates.

Thank you for your on-going support as we move into another exciting opportunity that will lead to enhanced access for both Louise Dean and Jack James students.

Wishing you a wonderful summer ahead!

Sincerely,

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