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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The DYS renovation project is moving along, with the goal to move the three classes out of the portables and into the newly-renovated classrooms as soon as possible. However, we have recently been informed of an additional delay and the existing timeline for completion has been pushed back to April. The delay is due a number of reasons, which began in the fall with the discovery of major plumbing issues. Since this required the replacement of all under slab sewer lines, other subcontractors could not continue to work. Momentum of the project was lost, causing a major delay which was out of our control and is still being actively managed by the contractor.

We understand that the lack of a gym has had an impact on students and staff, and school administration has been working on a plan to increase physical education.

This plan includes utilizing the Rainy River First Nations Gym and other nearby gymnasiums, as well as curling for Grade 8 students. During warmer weather students are able to get outside for outdoor Physical Education classes, including activities such as snowshoeing and skiing. All cost for additional student Physical Education, such as trips and experiences, will be covered by the Board.

We are also continuing on with plans for upgrades to the playground, which will take place this summer. An Architect will lead a Playground Committee meeting to review and update the draft plan, which was developed in consultation with students, staff, and school council in Fall 2017.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Shane Beckett, Principal