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Families,

I am writing with an update on the project to replace St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary.

As you know, the new school was slated to open for September 2024. Yesterday, the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works let us know that the project schedule has been revised, and the school will be complete for September 2025.

Like many construction projects worldwide, shortages of material, equipment and labour are creating challenges to completion timelines.

Since our last update, foundation work continues, and steel framing began this month. You can see a new aerial shot of the school in the latest [project status report](#).

The new school will provide students with collaborative learning spaces and have a childcare centre in the building. It will be modern, bright and colourful. As a reminder, you can see floor plans, progress reports, renderings, and art installation updates [here](#).

We are committed to providing updates as the project progresses.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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