

In May, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education informed the Bicentennial community that we had received funding for renovations to the school for the third consecutive year. This funding was allocated to continue with upgrades to the building envelope, specifically to replace the lower floor windows (on the Inner quad) and repoint masonry. I am writing to provide you with an update and inform you that the scope of the project has been expanded to include the replacement of the upper floor windows and additional masonry wall work.

The work will start Thursday, October 18 (PD Day) with the removal of the upper floor windows. It is our understanding that this is a PD day for Bicentennial and the building will be unoccupied.

This work will impact two classrooms, the custodial storage room and the showers of the boy's change room. We will be removing the old windows and preparing the window openings for new windows. These windows will be covered while we wait for the masonry repairs and new windows to arrive. The expected completion date for Window and Masonry repairs is December 31, 2018.

I appreciate covering the window openings in these rooms may cause an inconvenience but we are pleased to see continued investment in the school and believe the renovations will greatly improve the learning and working environment for everyone.

Please contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns. Gary Mannette will be in to discuss these plans with you in greater detail shortly.

Please feel free to share this information parents and the community.

Thank you to the students, staff and Bi-Hi community for your patience and understanding.

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