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# **Campus Updates for Families**

August 8th, 2025

Dear South Shore Charter Families,

I hope these summer days are providing you with some relaxation as well as time with family and friends. Here at South Shore Charter, we have been busy getting ready for the upcoming school year. As many of you know, our school has undertaken a significant construction project at 700 Longwater Drive, the campus for grades 7-12. The purpose of this email is to provide you with project updates using the information we have at this time.

#### The Old Plan

Beginning in late May, school administration has been engaged in weekly meetings with the property owner, the architects, and the construction company throughout the summer. In July we learned of changes to the plans for temporary classroom space and the project timeline. Initially, the plan included a phase-in approach, housing high school students in temporary trailers as classrooms. These temporary trailers were to be used as classrooms until the second phase of construction was completed. This was the plan we shared with our school community last spring.

#### The New Plan

In July we learned that some modifications were necessary due to permitting constraints. Since that development, we have worked together to establish a new plan for the upcoming school year. These new plans include using half of the upstairs area at 700 Longwater as temporary classrooms, instead of the parking lot trailers. With these changes, the new timeline will bring us to a final project completion date in August 2026.

## Grades K-6 | Levels I-III

There will be no changes to the campus at 100 Longwater Circle. Students will continue to use their classrooms, the library, the playgrounds, and the outdoor areas without disruption. K-6 students will continue to use the gym and art studio at 104 Longwater Drive.

### Grades 7-8 | Level IV

Level IV students will move into the classrooms on the first floor at 700 Longwater Drive as planned. This classroom area will not experience any construction during the school year. Seventh and eighth grade students will make up the Level IV community with its own entrance, designated common area, restrooms, and outside area.

### Grades 9 and 10 | High School

Grade nine classrooms and some grade ten classrooms will also be on the first floor at 700 Longwater Drive. However, these classrooms will be separate from all Level IV classrooms. Additionally, there will be a separate entrance, a separate common area, and separate bathrooms for high school students.

The second floor of 700 Longwater Drive will now house temporary classrooms for grades eleven and twelve. Some tenth grade classrooms will be located in this area as well. Some of the classrooms and offices will have traditional finished areas, others will use temporary classroom walls similar to what we have used on the first floor of 700 Longwater. All high school classrooms will use their own designated bathrooms, entrance, and common areas.

We have worked to ensure that teaching and learning will move forward as always. There will be no changes to the 2025-2026 school calendar. Importantly, we have been assured that most of the construction will take place at night, on weekends, and during school vacation weeks in December, February, and April. To further limit disruption, construction will amplify in June and will continue through next summer. Although this extends the project timeline, we believe that these efforts will mitigate disruption and provide consistency.

We will be providing informational meetings regarding construction updates on Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 am and Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. The links may be found below. Informational meetings shall continue throughout the school year. All South Shore Charter families are invited to attend. We welcome your questions and comments which you may submit using this link or the button below.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the South Shore Charter Public School.

Sincerely,

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

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**ZOOM MEETING - AUG 19** 

**ZOOM MEETING - SEPT 17** 

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