

Greater Essex County District School Board

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Sherry Bondy
Essex Councillor
Email: sbondy@essex.ca

Dear Ms. Bondy,

Together, we sincerely apologize to all in the Harrow community who felt aggrieved by a recent mistake, which, unfortunately was shared publicly, in a news release.

This lamentable error provided the impression that Harrow Public School would be among the schools closed on the opening of the new K-12 school being planned for the area. This miscue was compounded by the use of the erroneous information by public media outlets, who had received a revised version shortly after the original had been shared. The corrected information has been posted on our Board website, and was sent to all media outlets as well.

It is not, nor has it ever been, the intention of the Greater Essex County District School Board to close Harrow Public School. We regret this disappointing incident, which has weakened our relationship and trust with the community. You have our assurance that we take great pride in the accuracy of our communications and we are naturally embarrassed by this mistake. We likewise take great pride in the strength of our schools, and the communities they support. We look forward to recognizing the Harrow community's input into the future of the new K-12 school, which will welcome graduates of Harrow Public School to its halls for years to come.

It is our hope to continue to build together, with trust and understanding.

With sincere thanks;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Kelly".

Erin Kelly
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alicia Higgison".

Alicia Higgison
Chairperson of the Board