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Welcome back! By way of this Update Bulletin, we want to provide you with an update of student accommodations at St. Valentine and St. Gregory as we begin the 2017-18 school year.

Over the course of the summer, board staff have been working on a number of projects at both St. Valentine and St. Gregory in preparation for receiving new students. Some of the items that you may notice include increased technology in the classrooms, outdoor learning areas, new asphalt and other items, both inside and outside of the school. In addition, we will begin the planning process for the capital investment of \$3.1M in School Consolidated Capital (SCC) funding that we recently received from the Ministry of Education. More information on this significant capital investment will be available as we work through the planning process this year.

New Portable Update

Upon receiving notice in June that our SCC business cases had been approved by the Ministry of Education, staff ordered five new (air-conditioned) portables, three of which are to be located at St. Valentine and two at St. Gregory. In mid-August, we learned from the portable manufacturer that, due to an increase in manufacturing time, volume of new orders that they received from customers, and an unanticipated labour shortage, our new portables would not be delivered until the end of September.

Upon learning this news, we moved quickly to relocate four temporary portables (two per school) on site for the beginning of the school year until the new units arrive. These temporary portables are located in a different area of the school site than the new ones will be situated. Once the new portables are installed and operational, the temporary portables will be removed and students will be relocated to the new units. We anticipate a seamless transition in this regard.

More information will be available once we have a confirmation date for the delivery of the new portables.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your principal.