



University of Toronto Schools
Building Update
March 2018

The transformation of UTS is in motion, with exciting developments to report for both our temporary location at 30 Humbert St. and our historic home at 371 Bloor St. West. Our objective with this Building Update is to inform you regarding the progress we have made.

30 Humbert St.

We are pleased to report that a construction firm has been hired to complete the necessary renovations of the school at 30 Humbert St. to meet the needs of UTS students and staff. Construction began the week of February 26, and the estimated completion date for this work is early July of 2018.

The facility upgrades at 30 Humbert St. include:

- Computer lab;
- Four science labs;
- Renovations to two music classrooms;
- Five portable classrooms;
- Guidance/Roborium space;
- Staff lunch area/kitchen and additional office space;
- Installation of lockers;
- Creation of M4-S5 locker area; and
- Creation of an S6 commons area with lockers.

After painting and other finishing touches are completed in June and July, staff will begin the process of moving. The move is scheduled to be completed by mid-August.

In addition to the renovations, several activities are underway to prepare 30 Humbert St. for the UTS community. In collaboration with Joseph Wilson, an Instructor of the Business Model and Design at the University of Toronto, and Senior Strategist from Mars Discovery District, a group of S5 students are leading “Hacking the Neighbourhood,” an initiative that aims to improve the transition experience for students by focusing on issues such as food, athletic facilities, art

venues and a move-related communication. On March 1, these students visited 30 Humbert St., explored the school and the neighbourhood, and connected with a variety of local organizations to lay the groundwork for possible partnerships. The students were excited to get to know the community, which in turn is looking forward to welcoming UTS. The S5s who participated in Hack the Neighbourhood have created action plans and plan to share their work with the UTS community later in March.

Meanwhile, teacher Charlie Pullen and the art department are working on plans to infuse 30 Humbert St. with some distinctive UTS character. A variety of artworks from our Visual Art classrooms will be exhibited in the hallways and stairwells of the temporary school, and several S5 students have begun work on new works to be displayed there. The students are experimenting with new media such as 3D printing and laser-cut panels, as well as traditional media such as screen printing, to produce images that will be installed over the summer.

The School Captains are also leading an initiative to make 30 Humbert St. feel like home. The 371 Bloor Photo Collage Project is a collection of student memories from 371 Bloor, with submitted photos turned into a collage in the shape of the UTS tree. The finished product will move with us and hang in the front hallway of 30 Humbert St., and return with us to 371 Bloor when construction is finished.

To further help familiarize our community with our temporary home, UTS parents are planning a “Welcome” party at 30 Humbert St. for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. The event will include tours, activities and partnerships with local vendors and help students, staff and parents to help everyone to get acquainted with, and settled in, our new home.

In addition, plans are underway to tailor the academic, food and transit experiences for 30 Humbert St. A new timetable designed to work with the facilities at the Humbert location has us starting school at 8:55 a.m. and ending school at 3:54 p.m. This timetable includes a 50-minute lunch for all students. We continue to keep our A/B schedules, as well as wacky Wednesday schedules with late starts and assemblies. A new innovation is a morning/afternoon tumble of classes in the timetable that will allow teachers to meet with students in their classes at different times during the week.

We have also approached Rose Reisman Catering about the possibility of providing healthy, delicious lunches for students in the 30 Humbert St. building. This would serve as an alternative for students and parents interested in a hot lunch provided on campus. More information on registration for this program will come shortly.

Finally, UTS is currently exploring the feasibility of a shuttle bus between the University of Toronto campus and 30 Humbert St. We hope to be able to provide further details in April.

371 Bloor St. West

We continue to move forward toward the beginning of construction at 371 Bloor St. West. Site plan documents have been approved by UTS and the University of Toronto and have now been submitted for approval by the City of Toronto. We have received feedback from the community and made adjustments accordingly as part of the process for securing a building permit.

We are also preparing and revising documents related to the construction project, and the evolving design specifications are growing more precise with each iteration. In March, we will invite local residents to offer feedback on the Huron Washington Parkette, so that we can ensure the new facilities best serve our surrounding community.

Saying goodbye to 371, even temporarily, brings mixed emotions. Accordingly, we are planning a “Bon Voyage to 371” party for Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Students, staff, alumni, parents, and other members of our community will have the opportunity to gather and share their memories of UTS’ historic building, while looking ahead to the revitalized version that will greet our community post-construction.

Capital Campaign

As of this update, the *Building the Future* campaign has raised \$46.8 million, or 78% of the \$60 million campaign goal. We are grateful to the members of the UTS community who have stepped up with their support and are working to secure the remaining \$13.2 million of our targeted funding.