



UTS
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCHOOLS



University of Toronto Schools Building Update

30 November 2018

30 Humbert Street

Our facilities team has been working hard to enhance our Humbert experience.

1. A new class set of desks and chairs has been installed in room 212. The furniture is flexible, allowing for different arrangements to support students working both independently and collaboratively. We are seeking staff and student feedback on the tables and chairs prior to making our furniture purchase decisions for 371 Bloor St.
2. UTS Board Chair, Jim Fleck C.C. '49, P '72 kindly loaned to UTS two fascinating works of art. One has been hung in the Main Office and is a geodesic map by R. Buckminster Fuller, and the second print by Robert Rauschenberg is featured in the library.
3. In response to student and teacher concerns about noise transfer across the moveable partitions that separate some rooms on the second and third floor, we have installed sound dampening insulation and sheetrock in order to improve the learning environment. We expect the walls to be fully mudded, sanded and painted soon.
4. Athlete of the Year photos and Championship Banners have been hung in the hallway and in the gymnasium.
5. Our "Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action" poster has been hung in the first-floor hallway.
6. Dog signage has been posted on the playing field by the City of Toronto; a fenced off-leash dog area is being planned for installation by the City of Toronto in the spring.



Above left: New desk and chair sets at 30 Humbert. Above right: Geodesic map by R. Buckminster Fuller, loaned to UTS by Board Chair Jim Fleck C.C. '49, P '72

371 Bloor St. West

We are making steady progress toward the start of construction. Our architectural team is finalizing the details of our plans. We are working closely with the University of Toronto and the City of Toronto to approve the plans and to obtain partial and full building permits. Everyone is aware of our desire to return to our Bloor site as quickly as possible and is facilitating our progress.

The construction industry in Toronto is currently experiencing a significant increase in demand. New subway stations are tendered every few weeks. There is also a boom in office construction as well as ongoing condo development. Although costs are accelerating, our UTS team is committed to delivering our project for a cost we can afford and within our timeline.

Current Project Timeline:

- a. Architectural drawings will be completed in full by December 7, 2018.
- b. The full UTS project will be tendered for construction before Christmas.
- c. Removal of playground equipment from Washington-Huron Parkette should occur in December.
- d. Demolition begins in January.
- e. By mid-February, we plan to sign a construction contract.
- f. Substantial completion of the project is expected by early July 2021.
- g. Move back to 371 Bloor St. - June to August 2021 for opening September 1, 2021.

Groundbreaking Event

UTS welcomes you to join us for a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction and the revitalization of our school building. The event will be held on December 12 at 5:00 PM in the John and Margaret Withrow Hall (UTS Auditorium) at 371 Bloor St. West. [RSVP here](#) to be a part of this historic moment in our community.



Capital Campaign

As of this update, the *Building the Future* campaign has raised \$51.6 million, or 86% of the \$60 million campaign goal. We are engaging alumni, parents and campaign representatives and prospective donors in a number of initiatives to help secure the remaining \$8.4 million in funding. Most recently, we have launched the [UTS Student Experience Initiative](#) (which gives donors the opportunity to support exceptional learning experiences now and in the future), and [Take Your Seat](#) (a project that offers participants recognition in the new UTS Auditorium).

We thank everyone who has made a donation and helped to build the future of UTS.

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