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Dear School Families of Spitzee Elementary School,

As you all know, construction has started Monday June 5, 2017 on Macleod Trail and in the neighbourhood of Spitzee Elementary School! In an effort to provide you with ongoing updates, please find below our latest communication.

**SAFETY** – Our top priority is safety for you, students, bus drivers, teachers, and staff. All of our actions reflect this with a reminder that vehicles do not pass the bus when it is stopped, with lights flashing and/or stop arm out, on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Vehicle stopping for student drop off /pick up is permitted to the side of the roads, along the curb. With no parking on the south side of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue during the duration of the construction, find a safe location along one of the nearby streets to ensure you and your children are safe for drop-off / pick-up.

School patrols / crossing guards are out and working with you and the bus drivers to ensure safety! We ask that you stay alert to the crossing guards and buses! The Town of High River and RCMP are making you a priority to ensure this safety so you will see them in the areas designated for school traffic during the construction. If you have questions in regards to parking, please do not hesitate to reach out to Principal MacNeill who will direct your question to the appropriate person.

We are coming close to the end of the school year with only 3 ½ weeks left to make this transition a success. Thank-you to everyone for your patience, your willingness to work together, and to realize the new vision come the start of school September 5, 2017!

**PROGRESS** - As of Tuesday June 6, 2017, the street was fenced off on both sides, light posts were out and the majority of asphalt stripped in front of the school. Handicap parking for the school is being accommodated to the east parking lot. The north sidewalk is accessible for the time until they excavate for utilities. The Town of High River and Shawne are working hard to accommodate the school and neighbours the best they can while ensuring the project schedule is maintained.

**VISION** – A number of the design elements have been shared with you such as signaled cross walks at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street and MacLeod Trail and a change in street light fixtures. Please find below a vision to capture the future roadway, crosswalks, street lights and the 2 metre concrete sidewalk in front of the school and a 1.8 metre sidewalk across the street, to the north of MacLeod Trail. The concrete finish is called 'California Cut' to match with the downtown. This vision board will also be on display in the school main office for your viewing.

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Thank-you for taking the time to read through this letter and stay aware of our collective progress during this period of road construction. Once again, if you have any questions, please contact Principal MacNeill and / or myself, as we work to ensure the opportunity for your engagement and updates with this community project!

Sincerely,

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