



# Chesley District Community School

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To Whom It May Concern:

On February 1, 2013, I was assigned to be new Principal of Chesley District High School. A decision had been made a year earlier that Chesley District High School and Kinghurst Community School were to be consolidated together as a JK-12 school on the Chesley District site. One of my first challenges as Principal was to prepare my school for the start of a major construction and renovation project which would begin that June and continue over the course of two school years.

Shertine Construction had been hired as general contractor for this project and soon I was introduced to Len Redmond, General Manager, and Matt Damsma, Project Site Supervisor. Throughout the following two years of construction, I would attend biweekly meetings, chaired by Len and attended by Bluewater District School Board Project staff and various sub-contractors. Len would take particular care to ensure that I understood the scope of the technical work being discussed, and to discuss with me the impact this work might have upon students and staff. Len made it clear that maintaining regular school events and routines, and ensuring the safety of every involved and was a priority.

As Principal, I also greatly appreciated the efforts of Site Supervisor, Matt Damsma. He kept in close communication with school administration, responded immediately to any concerns expressed, and built strong relationships with my custodial staff, office professionals and staff members. He took pride in the work being completed and acted with professionalism and respect in overseeing the supervision of the workers and safety of everyone on site.

I would like to thank Shertine Construction, in particular Len and Matt, for their contributions to the new Chesley District Community School and for the support provided to me to me during this process. Please accept this letter as my personal endorsement of Shertine Construction, and feel free to contact me should there be any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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