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**Ecole J H Sissons**  
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**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, my first question is about the Ecole J.H. Sissons, the new school. Can the Minister tell me how a new location for this school will be decided upon? Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Minister.

**HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. At this point, we are still in the process of doing the geotechnical report. I believe we have gotten it, but I haven't reviewed it yet. It is in our technical division at this point to look at it.

Once we decide on it, we will be meeting with the school board, YK1. We will be meeting with them first and working with them, and because it is a school that had a bit of contention, we probably will have a public meeting to relay the results to the parents of that school. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you, Minister. Ms. Green.

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. That's right; there are parents whose children go to that school who have very definite views about whether the new school should be built in the playground and, thus, keep the school intact and the children together, or whether the existing school should be blasted and the rebuild take place on that spot. I really encourage the Minister to hold that public meeting before making a decision.

Can she give me some timing around when the geotechnical report will be reviewed and the other meetings will take place? Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Minister.

**HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do want to thank the MLA for bringing that forward. We are committing to doing a meeting with the parents; I just want to address on that. I know, in my heart, that there are going to be upset parents, because when we went there first, we have not got a consensus about parents. We are not going to get 100 per cent satisfaction.

Like I had said earlier, addressing the question that was just asked, the technical report is just in the hands of our technical people. That should come across my desk, I would say, within the next couple of weeks at the latest. We just got it.

We haven't defined a date for the meeting of the parents and recognizing that I have a lot of work with the Aurora College at this point now, as well, but I can commit that we will meet with the parents before the end of the fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Ms. Green.

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Is the Minister facing a deadline to make some decisions in order to free up the spending in the next fiscal year through this budget?

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Minister.

**HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. We don't have a specific deadline at this point, because we are just reviewing the report. Within this projected budget that we are just presenting now, the capital, we are looking at the planning study.

We do need to get that parent feedback. We need to have it defined, this is where we are putting it, recognizing that not everybody is going to be happy, but the public needs to know, because the results of that will implement the planning that needs to go forward, the drafting, et cetera. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Ms. Green.

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate that response. The money that is going to be spent in the next fiscal year is money for planning. When will the ground be broken to start construction on this new school? Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Minister.

**HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The ground will be broken, or we will finally have a place, and the construction will begin in the fiscal year 2020-2021. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Ms. Green.