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To: Residents in the Area of the Former Bayview School

We are writing to keep you informed about a project Grey Bruce Health Services (GBHS) is launching to expand support for individuals suffering with addiction and mental health issues.

In April, the Ministry of Health approved funding for GBHS to expand its capacity to care for individuals struggling with mental health and addictions. GBHS's current facility on 9th Avenue is not adequate for this type of expansion, and GBHS has been searching for a new location to consolidate services into one building.

GBHS has signed an agreement to purchase the former Bayview School at 6th Street A East in Owen Sound. The redevelopment includes major interior renovations of the school, and an outdoor patio. No new buildings or additions are planned, and the building will remain as a single storey facility.

This new wellness centre will address a long-standing gap in care for the growing number of individuals in our communities struggling with addictions and mental health.

GBHS expects to open the new wellness centre by the end of 2023.

Once fully operational, the new centre will serve both inpatients and outpatients. It will provide a safe environment for men and women in need of additional support following discharge from hospital/addiction services or who are being referred from a community agency. It will be staffed with mental health nurses, social workers, therapists, crisis staff, psychiatrists, and security personnel. Our goal is to improve health outcomes, and support individuals on their journey to recovery.

We welcome any questions you may have about this project. Feel free to reach out to us at communityquestions@gbhs.on.ca. We will provide updates on the renovation plans for the new facility on our website at www.gbhs.on.ca.

Thank you,



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