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## FW: [EXTERNAL] Delayed Start to the School year 2022-2023

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Good Afternoon Madam President and Councilors,

Below and attached, please find correspondence from the Superintendent regarding the delaying of the start of school due to the delay in construction completion of Gardner Elementary School.

Best,

Mike

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**From:** Mark Pellegrino <pellegm@gardnerk12.org>

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Hi folks,

Bacon Construction has said they will need two more weeks to finish the project. I have been assured that it will ONLY BE TWO WEEKS. I explained that I am willing to break the bad news of the delay ONCE, but they cannot come back and asked for more time. I have been assured that it won't happen.

The attached letter explains the reasons for the delay. So three things:

1. The elementary school will be delayed two weeks (8 school days) with a new start date of 9/15 for grades 1-4, 9/15 for kindergarten, and 9/19 for preschool. (All of these dates are two weeks later. I will be requesting a waiver for 4 of the 8 days.
2. The middle school, high school and Gardner Academy will only be starting one week late (9/6).
3. We will need to vote on a new calendar at our first meeting.

Call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark

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