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Families,

Astral Drive Elementary will receive a new modular classroom unit this summer to create additional learning spaces for students. This will replace the portable classrooms currently on site and will help support growing enrolment at the school. The modular is expected to be ready to welcome students this September.

What is a modular?

A modular is a standalone building beside the school that contains classrooms connected by hallways and includes washrooms. **Your modular will contain six new classrooms.** Each classroom will be equipped with heating, ventilation and technology.

Modular classrooms allow us to respond to enrolment growth quickly, and provide safe, comfortable learning spaces for students and staff. [Click here](#) for a short video that shows what they look like.

What does this mean?

- The existing portables will be removed over the summer.
- Classes will continue to use the portables until the end of the school year.
- Your school Principal will work with staff to determine what classes will occupy the new modular space in September.

Construction impacts

Every effort will be made to schedule noisy or disruptive work outside of school hours and during the summer months. In the coming weeks, crews are expected to begin preparation of the school grounds for the incoming modular. Here's what you can expect:

- Safety fencing will be placed around the work area. Regular pedestrian routes will be impacted.
- The staff parking lot area and the bus loop at the front of the school on Lakeshire Crescent will be temporarily closed. Emergency vehicles will still have access. Buses will use the bus loop at the back of the school on Astral Drive for drop off and pick up. This loop will be open to buses and after school programs only.
- Nearby street parking will be limited once construction begins.

We will keep you updated as work progresses. If you have any questions, please email hrceoperations@hrce.ca.

Sincerely,
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