

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Resource Committee

TOPIC: **Crestwood Secondary School Family of Schools Accommodation Planning**

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**BACKGROUND**

1. Crestwood Secondary School (SS) and Crestwood Intermediate School (IS) are both experiencing accommodation pressures. Crestwood IS is forecasted to be at 174% of its capacity for September 2024, with 320 expected students and only space for 184. Crestwood SS is anticipated to be at 101% of its capacity for September 2024, with 769 expected students.
2. Relieving accommodation pressures at Crestwood SS and Crestwood IS are a priority. The Board will also need to consider ways to manage growth at Millbrook/South Cavan Public School (PS) and North Cavan PS once the use of portable classrooms has been maximized.
3. Planning Services staff have completed a preliminary analysis around capacity and space limitations at Crestwood SS family of schools (FOS). The results are presented below.

**STATUS**

4. Enrolment trends within the Crestwood SS FOS is illustrated in Appendix A.

Crestwood SS (Grades 9-12) and Crestwood IS (Grades 7-8) are situated within the same building and are both experiencing significant accommodation pressure, which is projected to continue over the long term. The intermediate school was established in 2018, with students from Kawartha Heights PS, Millbrook/South Cavan PS, North Cavan PS and Westmount PS.

James Strath PS (Junior Kindergarten (JK)-Grade 8) is trending at approximately 20% below capacity and is projected to see a slight decline in enrolment over the 10-year planning horizon.

Kawartha Heights PS (JK-Grade 6) is experiencing stable enrolment just below or at capacity and will continue to do so over the 10-year planning horizon. Prior to the intermediate school being established at Crestwood SS, students from this school attended James Strath PS for Grades 7 and 8.

Millbrook/South Cavan PS (JK-Grade 6) is experiencing significant accommodation pressure, which is presently being managed with the use of portable classrooms. Presently there are eight portable classrooms on site.

Facilities Services has confirmed that the site is able to accommodate an additional four portable classrooms. There are several residential developments within this catchment that we anticipate will generate an additional 232 elementary students over the next 5-10 years, which the school will have difficulty accommodating. The Board is employing other growth management strategies, including closing the school to out-of-boundary students and the establishment of holding areas and holding schools (i.e., students from a new subdivision may be directed to a school outside of the community on a temporary basis). A school site has been identified in the Towerhill North Subdivision. The Board submitted a Capital Priorities Funding request for a new JK-Grade 8 school to be situated at this site, as part of the 2023-2024 Capital Priorities Program.

North Cavan PS (JK-Grade 6) is also seeing an increase in enrolment, although not as significant as the enrolment pressures at Millbrook/South Cavan PS. However, this school site cannot accommodate any additional portables, and with limited classroom space (i.e., five regular classrooms, four portables), managing a JK-Grade 6 school with increasing enrolment is presenting some challenges. There are four residential developments within this catchment that we anticipate will generate an additional 92 elementary students over the next 5-10 years, which the school will have difficulty accommodating. The Board is employing other growth management strategies, including closing the school to out-of-boundary students and the establishment of holding areas and holding schools (i.e., students from a new subdivision may be directed to a school outside of the community on a temporary basis). The school site that has been identified in the Towerhill North Subdivision should help alleviate accommodation pressures at this school over the long term.

Westmount PS (Dual-track JK-Grade 6) is experiencing enrolment levels that are consistently 10% below capacity (the capacity includes the 8-room portapak). However, a review of classroom utilization has identified that all the classrooms within the school and adjoining portapak are presently being utilized as regular classroom space.

5. Both immediate and long-term solutions need to be considered in order to manage student accommodation pressures within this family of schools.
6. As part of the long-term strategy to manage student accommodation pressures at the Crestwood SS FOS, it will be reviewed as part of the broader City and County of Peterborough Accommodation Planning process. This process will take place over the next 14 months, with final decisions being brought forward to the Board of Trustees for approval by December 2024. It is anticipated that the long-term accommodation strategies will be implemented using a phased approach, with initial changes becoming effective September 2025.
7. In order to manage immediate pressures being experienced within this family of schools, administration proposes that effective September 2024, Grade 7

students from Westmount PS (English steam) and Kawartha Heights PS, will attend James Strath PS. The Board will seek community feedback in how to manage the long-term accommodation pressures within this family of schools as part of the City and County of Peterborough Accommodation Planning process.

8. Two community meetings will take place. The meetings will provide an opportunity for administration to share the plan and to seek community feedback.
  - Westmount Public School – Thursday, November 30, 2023
  - Kawartha Heights Public School – Monday, December 4, 2023

Further information will be shared with the school community in the near future.

9. Administration will gather community feedback and provide a summary report, along with a recommendation for the Board of Trustees to consider at the February 27, 2024, Board meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Crestwood Secondary School Family of Schools Accommodation Planning Report, dated November 8, 2023, be received for information.

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