

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Resource Committee

TOPIC: **Kaawaate East City Public School Accommodation Planning Update**

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BACKGROUND

1. The Kaawaate East City Public School Accommodation Planning report was presented to the Resource Committee on November 8, 2023. The report explained the accommodation pressures being experienced at this school site and provided a timeline for reviewing the proposed accommodation measure presented to address the urgent and immediate needs.
2. Kaawaate East City Public School (PS) is experiencing significant accommodation pressure with an anticipated enrolment of 785 (116% utilization) in the 2023-2024 school year. The table below illustrates the enrolment trends at Kaawaate East City PS over the next 10-year period. The French Immersion (FI) program continues to be phased in over the next few years, with Grade 6 being phased in this school year (2023-2024).

OTG = On-the-Ground Capacity

Projected Enrolment - Kaawaate East City Public School - JK-8, FI SK-6 (Grades 7-8 FI being phased in 2024 and 2025)										
			2023-2024		2024-2025		2028-2029		2033-2034	
			Actual		1-Year Projection		5-Year Projection		10-Year Projection	
School	OTG Capacity	Portables (2023)	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization
Kaawaate East City PS (JK-8)	675	4	529	116%	559	125%	580	137%	592	139%
Kaawaate East City PS (FI SK-8)			256		288		348		345	
Kaawaate East City PS Total Enrolment			785		847		928		937	

STATUS

3. A letter was provided to impacted families in the Kaawaate East City PS attendance area and shared on the board website on November 9, 2023.
4. A community engagement process took place to seek input from a variety of stakeholders including parents/caregivers, school staff, community members, trustees, school principal/vice-principal, and senior administration. The community engagement process included an in-person engagement, digital engagement, and the opportunity to connect directly with the Superintendent of Student Achievement for the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Family of Schools. The in-person community consultation meeting was held on November 23, 2023.
5. At the Community Engagement Meeting held on November 23, 2023, it was shared with the community that in order to manage urgent and immediate

pressures being experienced within the Kaawaate East City PS community, administration proposes that effective September 2024 Kaawaate East City PS changes from a Junior Kindergarten (JK)–Grade 8 dual-track school, to a JK-Grade 6 dual-track school, and Grades 7-8 English stream. Grades 7-8 French Immersion students from Kaawaate East City PS will attend Adam Scott Intermediate School.

6. Feedback from the Community Engagement Meeting was consolidated and shared with administration for review. This feedback will also be shared on the board website under Student Accommodation Planning: Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning. A summary of the community feedback is attached as appendices. Appendix A includes a summary of the feedback that was received from the November 23, 2023 in-person community engagement meeting. Appendix B includes the collated online feedback received through the ThoughtExchange platform.
7. Feedback and comments from the Community Engagement Meeting and the ThoughtExchange platform note frustration and disappointment with the current state of overpopulation at Kaawaate East City PS, given its relatively recent opening. The general sentiment is one that long-term plans need to be in place to support this growing school community.
8. Concern for the current student cohort was the main theme of feedback regarding the current plan that was shared. Due to the construction of the new school, families feel that these pupils have experienced multiple disruptions in their educational careers. For many of them, this will be their fourth school. Some families expressed feelings of concerns about their children having to take the bus and navigate hallways with older students.
9. Administration acknowledges and shares the community's concern with the current enrolment pressures at Kaawaate East City PS, and will, as part of the broader City and County of Peterborough Accommodation Planning process, bring proposals to address the long-term pressures in this community. This process will take place over the next year, 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.
10. Administration also appreciates and acknowledges the feedback and input provided by families impacted by moving the Grades 7-8 French Immersion students from Kaawaate East City PS to attend Adam Scott Intermediate School and commits to developing a robust transition plan for students impacted by this decision.
11. Administration believes that this decision will enhance the educational experience of the students impacted by providing them with access to a well-established French Immersion program in an intermediate school setting that will

also offer a board range of extra-curricular experiences to enhance their learning experience.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

12. The impact on the 2023-2024 budget would include costs associated with transition planning for the current Grade 6 students at Kaawaate East City PS.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Kaawaate East City Public School be established as a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 dual-track school, and Grades 7 to 8 English stream. That Grades 7 to 8 French Immersion students from Kaawaate East City Public School attend Adam Scott Intermediate School, effective September 2024.

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