

**Campbellford District High School Family of Schools Accommodation Planning
Feedback Summary – Kent Public School and Hillcrest Public School
Proposed Changes**

A community engagement meeting was held February 10, 2025, at Campbellford District High School (HS) to review proposed accommodation changes for Kent Public School (PS) and Hillcrest PS and to receive school community feedback.

An online feedback form was also available from February 10 – March 16, 2025. Information about the meeting and feedback opportunities was shared with families through direct email messages and through the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) website.

Participant Summary:

- Twenty-three people completed the online feedback form (three staff, one community member, and 19 parents/caregivers).
- A smaller group of parents/caregivers and school staff attended the meeting on February 10.

Feedback from both the online form and in-person meeting is summarized below.

Summary of Concept A Feedback:

In Concept A, Kent PS becomes Junior Kindergarten (JK) to Grade 6. Kent PS Grades 7 and 8 would attend Hillcrest PS. Students in Grade 8 as of September 2026 would remain at Kent PS.

- The majority of participants preferred Concept A because all Kent PS students would remain with their cohorts/peers and friends.
- This option was viewed as the least disruptive overall.

Concerns about Concept A included:

- Some families may have children in three schools, which can create logistical difficulties.
- Students in Grade 7 and 8 who are within walking distance to Kent PS, would have to rely on transportation to attend Hillcrest PS.
- There would be an additional transition for students moving into Grade 7.
- Concerns were expressed about the impact and cost of moving Learning and Life Skills (LLS) and the Primary Communication Classes (PCC).

Summary of Concept B Feedback:

In Concept B, there would be a boundary adjustment between Kent PS and Hillcrest PS, for students in JK to Grade 6. Individual students affected who are in Grade 7 and 8 as of September 2026 would not be moved.

- A few participants preferred this option, because it reduced the number of transitions for students who would not be affected by the boundary change.

Concerns about Concept B included:

- Most participants did not like this option because it separates individual students from their cohorts.
- It was identified that separating friends and peers can create difficult transitions for those affected by the changes.
- Participants indicated that they would prefer this option if it only affected new registrations.
- The boundary adjustment would affect students in JK to Grade 6, and there were concerns about the mental health impacts of moving individual students at various ages into a new school and peer group.
- The boundary adjustment may also affect childcare arrangements for some families.

Additional Questions and Concerns

- There were concerns about the impact to staffing at both schools.
- There were questions about the benefits of JK to Grade 6 versus JK to Grade 8 schools.
- There were concerns about potential loss of leadership opportunities for Grade 7 and 8 students at Kent PS.
- There were questions about the layout and capacity at Hillcrest PS, and whether the school may become over-crowded as a result of the changes.
- There were questions about how busing will be impacted.
- There were concerns about how French Immersion enrolment will affect capacity at Hillcrest PS.

A Questions and Answers document will be created to address the questions and concerns expressed.