

Student Accommodation Planning: Elementary Family of Schools - Clarke High School

Community Consultation Meeting #2

January 17, 2023.

Land Acknowledgment

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather and learn daily is the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations. We are grateful for our relationship with the First Nations of this territory, for their care for, and teachings about, the land, the water, and all our relations. As people of the Williams Treaty, we continue our journey to strengthen our understanding of our Treaty relationship and of how to move forward together in a good way.

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Objective
- Board Options Presented to the Community
- What We Heard from You
- Options Proposed by Community
- Plan for 2023-24 School Year
- Plan for 2024-25 and beyond
- Discussion
- Next Steps



Welcome & Introductions

Objective:

- To obtain community feedback on options and transition plans presented tonight.

Board Options Presented to the Community:

- Remain Status Quo
- Newcastle PS becomes a dual track JK/SK-4. The Pines Senior PS becomes a dual track grade 5 to 6 school. A dual track intermediate school (grades 7-8) is established at Clarke HS. Clarke HS continues to offer grade 9 to 12. Orono PS remains status quo.
- Newcastle PS becomes a dual track JK/SK-3. The Pines Senior PS becomes a dual track grade 4 to 6 school. A dual track intermediate school (grades 7-8) is established at Clarke HS. Clarke HS continues to offer grade 9 to 12. Orono PS remains status quo.
- Newcastle PS becomes a dual track JK/SK-4. The Pines Senior PS becomes a dual track grade 5 to 8 school. Clarke HS and Orono PS remain status quo.

What We Heard from You:

Student Safety – Physical and Mental Well-being	Physical Building / Playground Suitability	Transportation	Viable / Sustainable Solution	Transitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure influence of older students on younger students is positive. • Provide students with leadership opportunities. • Safety of school location. • Ensure that appropriate supervision is available. • Minimize children attending school outside of their neighbourhood. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that resources are made available to upgrade building so that it is suitable for a younger cohort. • Location of building is undesirable. • Concerned about younger students in a school yard located adjacent to a four-lane highway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of bussing and/or bus drivers should be considered. • Consideration should be given to minimizing the length of time students are on the bus. • Minimize the mixing of elementary and secondary students on the bus. • Bussing students to Bowmanville HS is a concern. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the solution address all the issues? • Is the proposed solution sustainable? • Will portables be required? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimize transitions throughout school career. • Keep divisions (i.e., primary, junior, intermediate) together. • Concerned about child care options.

Option Proposed by the Community:

- Establish a single-track FI program at The Pines Senior PS (SK-8). Newcastle PS would become single track English JK-8.
 - This option will not be considered as The Pines Senior PS would not be able to accommodate a K-8 school.
- Submit a Capital Priorities Request to the Ministry of Education for a new school to be situated on Board owned property in Newcastle.
 - Request was submitted and denied as part of the 2022 Capital Priorities Program for a K-12 School to be situated on Board owned property (Grady Drive & Ruddell Road).
 - Request has been re-submitted.
 - The Board will continue to prioritize the request in subsequent Capital Priorities Program requests (typically on a yearly cycle).

Plan for 2023-24 School Year:

- Newcastle Public School

- Remain status quo as a dual track JK/SK – Grade 5 school for the 2023-24 school year.

- The Pines Senior Public School

- The Pines Senior PS will offer Grade 6-8 (English stream) and Grade 6 FI for the 2023-24 school year. Available classroom space at Clarke HS will be utilized to accommodate students from The Pines Senior PS.

What does this mean for 2023/2024?

- Provide time required to ensure smooth and efficient transition of students, and to complete any renovations, if required.
- Utilize all available space at Newcastle PS as classrooms (i.e., stage area, portion of library, portables) for the 2023-24 school year.
- New registrations of out-of-boundary students will not be permitted.
- The Board will continue to submit Capital Priorities Program Requests for new elementary/secondary school at the Grady Drive/Ruddell Road Board owned property.

Newcastle PS becomes a dual track JK/SK-4. The Pines Senior PS becomes a dual track grade 5 to 8 school. Available classroom space at Clarke HS will be utilized to accommodate students from The Pines Senior PS.

Considerations	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27/2027-28
Student Transitions	<p>NPS offers dual track JK/SK to 5.</p> <p>TPSPS offers Grade 6-8 (English stream) and Grade 6 (FI).</p> <p>Grade 8 students will overflow into upper-level classrooms at Clarke HS.</p>	<p>NPS offers dual track JK/SK to 4.</p> <p>TPSPS offers Grade 5-8 (English stream) and Grade 5-7 (FI).</p> <p>Grade 7-8 students will overflow into upper-level classrooms at Clarke HS.</p>	<p>NPS offers dual track JK/SK to 4.</p> <p>TPSPS offers dual track Grade 5-8 .</p> <p>Grade 7-8 students will overflow into upper-level classrooms at Clarke HS.</p>	
	<p>Ongoing monitoring to ensure needs of students are being met throughout the transition.</p>			
Physical Plant (Building)	<p>Clarke – physical upgrades to existing classrooms and existing washrooms on the upper level.</p> <p>Ensure that there are adequate measures in place to maintain the safety of students in the playground.</p> <p>Ensure there is bussing to after school care in Newcastle for the Grade 5 & 6 students.</p>			
Other	<p>Continue to monitor ongoing development activity in Newcastle to ensure that student accommodation needs are being met.</p> <p>Submit Capital Priorities Program Requests for new elementary/secondary school at the Grady Drive/Ruddell Road Board owned property.</p>			

Discussion

Next Steps:

- A final report will be produced with a summary of the engagement process, together with the preferred option for final approval by the Board of Trustees.
- An implementation/transition plan will be developed and communicated with the affected families.

Additional Information:

Further information on the consultation process and related information is available on the Board's website:

- <https://www.kprschoools.ca>
- [Consultation Resource: Student Accommodation Review Elementary Family of Schools – Port Hope High School Background Study and Options](#)
- [Question and Answer Document](#)

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