

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Resource Committee

TOPIC: **Campbellford District High School Family of Schools
Accommodation Planning**

INITIATOR: April Foster, Superintendent, Business and Corporate Services
 Alison Osborne, Superintendent of Education

BACKGROUND

1. At the January 8, 2025, Resource Committee meeting, staff presented an initial report, Northumberland County and the City of Quinte West – Murray Ward Accommodation Planning: Background Study, which rationalized the need for a school attendance area, program offering and/or grade/cohort review.
2. Given the imbalance of enrolment being experienced throughout the Campbellford District High School (HS) Family of Schools, administration recommended two concepts (Concept A and Concept B) be brought to the community for consideration.

The proposed concepts put forward were:

Concept A

- Kent Public School (PS) becomes Junior Kindergarten (JK) to Grade 6
- Kent PS Grades 7 and 8 attend Hillcrest PS

Concept B

- Boundary adjustment between Kent PS and Hillcrest PS

3. A community engagement meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at Campbellford District HS. This meeting provided community members with the opportunity to review the accommodation planning concepts and ask questions of administrative staff and trustees. Other opportunities for community engagement included an electronic feedback option.
4. Administrative staff considered the community feedback, together with the following guiding principles identified at the start of this project to evaluate the proposed solutions:
 - providing high quality programs for all students;
 - developing long-term, sustainable plans that balance enrolment;
 - maintaining walkable routes to school, and
 - maintaining efficient transportation services.

5. Feedback gathered from the Community Engagement meeting on February 10, 2025, as well as the feedback received through the online survey has been consolidated. A full summary of the community engagement feedback is attached as Appendix A.
6. 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, although concerns were expressed about the additional transition, increased reliance on busing for intermediate students, and the cost/impact of moving specialized programs. Some participants preferred Concept B, because it reduced the number of transitions for students who would not be affected by the boundary change. Participants also indicated that they would prefer this option if it only affected new registrations.

STATUS

7. Administration has completed a review of the feedback received, along with exploring other areas that required further consideration, such as:
 - the long-term sustainability of the accommodation plan,
 - the location of specialized programs (i.e., Learning and Life Skills (LLS) and the Primary Communication Classes (PCC)),
 - the rate of housing development activity in the area, and
 - phased approach to implementation.

8. Long-Term Sustainability of the Accommodation Plan

The 10-year status quo projections illustrate 58% utilization at Hillcrest PS and 120% utilization at Kent PS. Both concepts create an even distribution of students between the two schools. The 10-year projections illustrate an increase in utilization at Hillcrest to 73% (Concept A) and 72% (Concept B). Conversely, the projections illustrate a decrease in utilization at Kent PS to 98% (Concept A) and 97% (Concept B).

In Concept A, there is a larger intermediate (Grade 7-8) cohort with the primary and junior classes remaining below average class sizes. Concept B provides for a more even distribution of students over all grades (i.e., JK to Grade 8).

9. Location of Specialized Programs

Facilities Services and Special Education staff toured both schools and determined that the relocation of the LLS program from Kent PS to Hillcrest PS would not be the best alternative. The facilities within Kent PS support the needs of the LLS program, and it would be in the best interest of the program to have it remain at this location.

10. Rate of Housing Development

A plan of subdivision situated in the west side of Campbellford is the subject of a holding area designation. The property is fully serviced and municipal staff anticipated that building permits would have been issued this past spring. Staff have been monitoring the rate of development and to date, notwithstanding the construction of a model home, building permits have not been issued. Further, staff have confirmed with the subdivision sales office that sales have not started. Given the slow rate of development that is continuing to occur in Campbellford, specifically in this subdivision, administration proposes to remove the holding area designation from this area if one of the concepts below are implemented commencing in the 2026-2027 school year. The holding area designation provided the Board with the opportunity to create a long-term accommodation plan in the Campbellford District High School family of schools. As there have been no building permits issued in the holding area to date, the Board does not anticipate any students from this subdivision prior to September 2026.

11. Phased Implementation

The enrolment projections have been updated with the October 31, 2024, Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) information. Building/development activity has been incorporated into the projections but has been modified to reflect the current development trends. The updated enrolment projections and impact charts together with a map of the proposed boundary have been attached as Appendix B. Concepts A and B have been presented with both an immediate implementation and a phased implementation.

12. As part of the long-term accommodation planning strategies being applied in this area, the holding area designation on plan of subdivision in Kent PS attendance boundary will be removed effective immediately.**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS****13. There will be no budget implications for the 2025-2026 budget.**

Future budget implications of these decisions will vary depending on the accommodation strategy that is selected. Cost considerations may include, but are not limited to, additional staffing or administration at a given school site, impacts on transportation, capital investments to the physical buildings, and additional resources required at a school site.

Transportation impacts have already been analyzed and are expected to be minimal in both accommodation planning concepts. Due to the existing transportation network that exists in this region (i.e., the transportation hub and transfer network) either change could be accommodated from a transportation standpoint with limited cost additions.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the school attendance area (boundary) between Hillcrest Public School and Kent Public School be adjusted, with the general area bounded by Trent River Road to the north, Allan Mills Road/Rylstone Road to the east, Trent River and between the 11th and 10th Lines to the south, County Road 30 to the west, becoming part of Hillcrest Public School attendance area, be approved and be effective September 2026, for all new registrations.

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**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.

Status Quo Enrolment Projections for Campbellford District High School Family of Schools									
		2024-2025 OCT 31 ADE		2026-2027 Implementation Year		2031-2032 5-YR Projection		2036-2037 10-YR Projection	
School	OTG (Capacity)	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization
Campbellford District HS (9-12, EF 9-12)	775	455	59%	464	60%	551	71%	510	66%
Hastings PS (JK-8)	164	122	74%	130	79%	146	89%	144	88%
Hillcrest PS (JK-8, EF 5-8, FI SK-1)*	384	260	68%	261	68%	234	61%	222	58%
Kent PS (JK-8)	269	262	97%	271	101%	300	112%	324	120%
Percy Centennial PS (JK-8)	245	279	114%	276	113%	287	117%	323	132%
Total	1,837	1,378	75%	1,402	76%	1,518	83%	1,523	83%

*French Immersion programming will be fully implemented at Hillcrest PS in the 2031-2032 school year.

Concept A - Enrolment Projections for Campbellford District High School Family of Schools (Immediate Implementation)

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Campbellford District HS (9-12, EF 9-12)	775	455	59%	464	60%	551	71%	510	66%
Hastings PS (JK-8)	164	122	74%	130	79%	146	89%	144	88%
Hillcrest PS (JK-8, EF 5-8, FI SK-8)*	384	260	68%	317	83%	289	75%	282	73%
Kent PS (JK-6)	269	262	97%	213	79%	243	90%	264	98%
Percy Centennial PS (JK-8)	245	279	114%	276	113%	287	117%	323	132%
Total	1,837	1,378	75%	1,400	76%	1,516	83%	1,523	83%

Concept B - Enrolment Projections for Campbellford District High School Family of Schools (Immediate Implementation)

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Kent PS (JK-8)	269	262	97%	211	78%	256	95%	261	97%
Percy Centennial PS (JK-8)	245	279	114%	276	113%	287	117%	323	132%
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Concept A (Immediate Implementation)	
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Kent PS	Kent PS would become a JK to Grade 6 school. Students would attend Hillcrest PS Grades 7 to 8, with Grade 7 students from Kent PS starting in Grade 7 at Hillcrest PS in September 2026. Grade 8 students would remain at Kent PS in September 2026.
Percy Centennial PS	No impact.

Concept B (Immediate Implementation)	
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Hastings PS	No impact.
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Concept A - Enrolment Projections for Campbellford District High School Family of Schools (Phased Implementation)

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