

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Resource Committee

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

INITIATOR: April Foster, Superintendent, Business and Corporate Services  
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**BACKGROUND**

1. Kaawaate East City Public School (PS) is experiencing significant accommodation pressures.
2. In November 2016, the Ministry of Education approved the Board’s Capital Priorities funding request to build a new 674 pupil place school with a three room child care facility.
3. In April 2019, the Ministry of Education provided a revised Approval to Proceed with an increase to the funding amount for the replacement school.
4. After delays in construction brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Kaawaate East City PS opened its door to students in September 2021. Enrolment for the 2021-2022 year was 684.

**STATUS**

5. Kaawaate East City PS is experiencing significant accommodation pressure with an anticipated enrolment of 787 (117% 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 Anticipated		2024-2025 1-Year Projection		2028-2029 5-Year Projection		2033-2034 10-Year Projection	
School	OTG Capacity	Portables (2022-23)	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization	Students	Utilization
Kaawaate East City PS (JK-8)	675	4	534	117%	559	125%	580	137%	592	139%
Kaawaate East City PS (FI SK-8)			253		288		348		345	
Kaawaate East City PS Total Enrolment			787		847		928		937	

6. For the 2023-2024 school year, a fourth portable classroom was placed at the site to accommodate increased enrolment. Facilities Services staff have confirmed that the site cannot accommodate any additional portable classrooms. In addition, all special purpose rooms within the school facility, have been converted to regular classroom spaces. There are no more spaces within the

school available to accommodate students, with the exception of the learning commons.

7. There are several development proposals that are in various states of the municipal approval process in the Kaawaate East City PS attendance area. Planning Services staff anticipate that 200+ elementary students and 100+ secondary students will be generated in the attendance areas over the 10-year planning horizon. This is consistent with the findings in the Education Development Charges (EDC) Background Study for the City and County of Peterborough.
8. Both immediate and long-term solutions need to be considered in order to manage student accommodation pressures at this school location.
9. In order to manage urgent and immediate pressures being experienced within this school 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.
10. Currently, French Immersion students at Kaawaate East City PS attend Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute beginning in Grade 9.
11. A community meeting will take place on Thursday, November 23, 2023, at Kaawaate East City PS. This meeting will provide an opportunity for administration to share the plan and to seek community feedback. Further information will be shared with the school community in the near future.
12. Administration will gather community feedback and provide a summary report, along with a recommendation for the Board of Trustees to consider at the January 23, 2024, Board meeting.
13. As part of the long-term strategy to manage student accommodation pressures at Kaawaate East City PS, the school will be reviewed as part of the broader City and County of Peterborough Accommodation Planning process, as well as through the specialized program review process. The City and County of Peterborough Accommodation Planning 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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Kaawaate East City Public School Accommodation Planning Report, dated November 8, 2023, be received for information.

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