



*We are very excited about the new Northglen neighbourhood school that will help support our growing student population in the Clarington area!*

*Located in the Northglen neighbourhood, the new school will have space for 769 students, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, as well as a four-room childcare centre.*

## Construction Timelines

While initially planned to open in September 2024, as a result of challenges in the current construction environment for capital projects, including access to labour and materials, the targeted completion date has been moved to 2025, with an expected opening by September 2025.

## School Design Process

To help create a common vision for the design of the new Northglen neighbourhood school, the school board partnered with Fielding International to identify preferred learning spaces and design options.

Students, staff, families and community members were invited to provide input on some of the possible learning spaces and design features they would like to see included in the new school. Four student focus groups, two educator and staff workshops, and an evening family and community forum provided opportunities to gather feedback.

Highlights of the feedback from students included a desire for more outdoor learning, natural lighting, bright spaces, flexible seating, quiet/calm areas, and areas for different activities and movement.

The overall feedback from all groups helped to prioritize several design drivers, including **making the school the heart of its community, connections to nature, managing sound/acoustics, encouraging collaboration, having a diversity of spaces for students and staff, and creating a warm, welcoming environment.**

A summary of the feedback was shared with the architects and design team in planning for the new school. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the process.

# New Northglen Neighbourhood School – Community Update

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## Next Steps

The new school's design is nearly complete, subject to final review and budget considerations. It is now being prepared for the tendering phase, where organizations submit bids to complete and manage this important construction project. Tender awards of this size must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Once the tendering is complete and the project is awarded, this information will be shared at a Board Meeting.

The exterior school image at the beginning of this update represents one of the school's outdoor design concepts. The school may not look exactly as shown, but this rendering provides a visual representation of the planned design.

## School Boundary Meeting - Northglen and Elementary Family of Schools - Bowmanville High School/Clarington Central Secondary School

As part of planning for the new Northglen neighbourhood school, the Board is moving forward with establishing boundaries for eligible students. The new school is an important step in addressing enrolment pressures in schools within the area.

School board administration has been reviewing the capacity and space limitations of schools in the Bowmanville/West Clarington area overall. Some schools in the area are projected to continue to have significantly more students than they can accommodate, while others are under capacity.

To identify long-term solutions to these challenges, administration is considering boundary and school adjustments to elementary schools within the Bowmanville High School (HS) Family of Schools and Clarington Central Secondary School (SS) Family of Schools.

We will be inviting interested parents to join us at public meetings to learn more, and to share feedback on the possible solutions we are considering.

More information on this process and the public meetings will be shared with families in the coming days, and will be available on the KPR website under the *Student Accommodation Planning: Northglen and Elementary Family of Schools - Bowmanville HS/Clarington Central SS* web page, accessible from the home page [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca)