

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CRESTWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL FAMILY OF SCHOOLS ACCOMMODATION PLANNING – SEPTEMBER 2024

Q. What are the accommodation pressures facing Crestwood Secondary and Intermediate schools?

A. Crestwood SS (Grades 9-12) and Crestwood IS (Grades 7-8) are situated within the same building and are both experiencing significant accommodation pressure, which is projected to continue over the long term.

For September 2024, the Intermediate School is forecasted to be at 174% of its capacity, with 320 expected students and only space for 184. Crestwood SS is anticipated to be at 101% of its capacity, with 769 expected students.

Q. What changes are planned for September 2024?

A. School board administration is recommending that, beginning in September 2024, Grade 7 students from Kawartha Heights Public School, and Grade 7 students from Westmount Public School (English Stream) would attend James Strath Public School for Grades 7 and 8. Grade 7 students currently attending Crestwood Intermediate would remain at the school.

Q. What about students currently attending Crestwood Intermediate School? Will they have to move?

A. No. Students currently in Grade 7 at Crestwood Intermediate School will continue to attend Crestwood Intermediate School and then Crestwood Secondary School.

Q. Can we add portables to the Crestwood Secondary school site?

A. The logistics and location for any possible portables onsite at Crestwood Secondary School represents a number of challenges and significant costs as a result of the electrical upgrades needed for their installation. Costs for the minimum of two needed portables for September would be approximately \$540,000.00.

Q. Will more changes be planned?

A. The school board is beginning a broader review of Peterborough secondary school boundaries and family of school groupings in the new year to identify long-term accommodation strategies to manage growth in all areas. More

information on this process will be shared in the new year, but this may result in further adjustments to schools within the community.

Q. How can I learn more about the plans?

A. We are inviting parents/caregivers to join us at meetings at the impacted schools. Families will be able to learn more about the changes and provide feedback on the recommendations and how we can support students through these transitions.

The meetings will be held at:

Westmount PS – Thursday, November 30, 6:30 p.m.

Kawartha Heights PS – Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.

Q. What happens after the meetings?

School board administration will gather community feedback and provide a summary report, along with a recommendation for the Board of Trustees to consider at the February 27, 2024, Board meeting.

Q. What if I can't attend these meetings but still want to share my input?

A. All meeting information packages will be available at the dedicated **Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning** section of the KPR website, and there will be an online opportunity for parents to share their thoughts and comments.

Q. Whom can I contact if I have further questions about these changes?

A. We encourage all interested families to attend the school meetings we have planned, and if you would like to learn more about these related issues, please contact your school Principal or local Superintendent of Education at the contacts below:

Jodi Sepkowski, Superintendent of Education: Student Achievement, 705-742-9773 Toll free: 1-877-741-4577, Extension 2061.