

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Resource Committee

TOPIC: **City and County of Peterborough Accommodation Planning Update**

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BACKGROUND

1. At the February 28, 2024, Resource Committee meeting, staff presented an initial report, the City and County of Peterborough Accommodation Planning: Background Study, which rationalized the need for a school attendance area, program offering and/or grade/cohort review.
2. Administration and Planning Services staff prepared and presented four accommodation planning concepts which were intended to balance enrolment across the City and County of Peterborough schools at the April 3, 2024, Resource Committee meeting.
3. A community engagement meeting was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute (CVI). The meeting was organized in an open house format. 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.

STATUS

4. Feedback from the first community engagement meeting was consolidated and shared with administration for review. This feedback will also be shared on the board website under Student Accommodation Planning: Peterborough Area Accommodation Planning – 2024-2025 Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning. A summary of the community feedback is attached as Appendix A.
5. Administrative staff considered the community feedback, together with the following guiding principles identified at the start of this project to evaluate the proposed solutions:
 - a. providing high quality programs for all students
 - b. developing long-term, sustainable plans that balance enrolment
 - c. maintaining walkable routes to school, and
 - d. maintaining efficient transportation services.

6. Based on the feedback received and in consideration of the guiding principles, administration recommends that Concept B, Concept C and Concept D be removed from consideration, and that Concept A be modified.

Concept B

In this concept the following changes were recommended:

- Kawartha Heights Public School (PS), Queen Mary PS and Westmount PS become part of the Kenner CVI family of schools.
- Keith Wightman PS, Otonabee Valley PS and Roger Neilson PS become JK-Grade 8 schools.
- Several boundary adjustments were proposed between:
 - Highland Heights PS and Queen Mary PS/Prince of Wales PS French Immersion (FI),
 - R.F. Downey PS and Queen Elizabeth PS
 - Kaawaate East City PS and Otonabee Valley PS/Prince of Wales PS (FI),
 - Kaawaate East City PS and Warsaw PS/Lakefield District PS (FI).
- French Immersion students from within the Norwood District High School (HS) family of schools (Norwood District PS and Havelock Belmont PS) would attend Hillcrest PS and then Campbellford District HS.
- North Shore PS French Immersion students who attend Westmount PS and reside in the area generally described as being bounded by the 6th Line and the Otonabee River to the north, the Otonabee River to the east, Rice Lake to the south, and Highway 28 to the west of the North Shore PS school boundary would attend Prince of Wales PS for French Immersion.
- North Shore PS French Immersion students who attend Kaawaate East City PS and reside in the area generally described as being bounded by Highway 7 and Division Road to the north, Camerson Line to the east, Rice Lake to the south and the Otonabee River to the west would attend Prince of Wales PS for French Immersion.

After further review and in consideration of feedback from the community, administration removed this concept due to the following reasons:

- Although secondary enrolment amongst Adam Scott CVI, Crestwood SS, and Thomas A. Stewart SS is relatively balanced, Kenner CVI remains underutilized.
- Boundary adjustments between Highland Heights PS and Queen Mary PS, and between Queen Elizabeth PS and R.F. Downey PS impacts students' ability to walk to school. Some students who would have had the ability to walk to school, would now require bus transportation. Further, feedback from the community indicates that families would prefer changes be made to schools' grades/cohorts versus boundary adjustments. A cohort is an entire grade level or group of grades, (all grade 7/8 students in a school for example).
- The majority of students that presently walk to Crestwood Intermediate School and Crestwood SS from the Kawartha Heights PS and Westmount

PS attendance areas would require bus transportation to Kenner Intermediate School and Kenner CVI.

Concept C

In this concept the following changes were recommended:

- French Immersion program would be relocated from Adam Scott Intermediate School/CVI to Kenner Intermediate School/CVI.
- Westmount PS would become part of the Adam Scott CVI family of schools.
- Several boundary adjustments were proposed between:
 - Queen Elizabeth PS and R.F. Downey PS,
 - Highland Heights PS and Queen Mary PS/Prince of Wales PS (FI),
 - Kaawaate East City PS and Otonabee Valley PS/Prince of Wales PS (FI), and
 - Kaawaate East City PS and Warsaw PS/Lakefield District PS (FI).
- Keith Wightman PS, Otonabee Valley PS and Roger Neilson PS would become Junior Kindergarten (JK)-Grade 8 schools.
- French Immersion students from within the Norwood District High School (HS) family of schools (Norwood District PS and Havelock Belmont PS) would attend Hillcrest PS and then Campbellford District HS.
- North Shore PS French Immersion students who attend Westmount PS and reside in the area generally described as being bounded by the 6th Line and the Otonabee River to the north, the Otonabee River to the east, Rice Lake to the south, and Highway 28 to the west of the North Shore PS school boundary would attend Prince of Wales PS for French Immersion.
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After further review and in consideration of feedback from the community, administration removed this concept due to the following reasons:

- Secondary enrolment is not evenly balanced amongst the schools, with Crestwood SS remaining above capacity.
- Boundary adjustments between Highland Heights PS and Queen Mary PS, and between Queen Elizabeth PS and R.F. Downey PS impacts students' ability to walk to school. Some students who would have had the ability to walk to school, would now require bus transportation.
- Adjusting family of school groupings to redirect elementary schools to new secondary schools is a more sustainable approach to balancing enrolment long-term than moving a single, optional educational program.
- After further review and consideration, relocating the French Immersion program to KCVI disrupts the students currently enrolled in the ASCVI FI program. To ensure the viability of a new FI program at a new location, the relocation of two student grades/cohorts (Grade 9s and 10s), is required and as such a staggered approach to implementation is not possible.

Concept D

This concept included various boundary adjustments across many City and County of Peterborough schools.

Although student enrolment is balanced throughout the elementary and secondary panels with this concept, students' ability to walk to school, as well as bussing efficiencies may be compromised. Further, feedback from the community indicates that families would rather changes be made to schools' grades/cohorts versus boundary adjustments. In other words, preference is that full grades/cohorts be relocated to another school rather than individual students or a few students from each grade be relocated.

7. Based on the feedback received and in consideration of the guiding principles, Administration recommends two concepts moving forward - Concept A.1 and Concept E. Based on the school community feedback received, these proposed concepts are applicable to new student registrations within a boundary, or for entire grades/cohorts of students, to be moved at a natural transition time, such as Grade 7 or Grade 9.

Concept A.1

In this concept the following changes would occur:

- Chemong PS and Highland Heights PS would become part of Crestwood SS family of schools.
- Highland Heights PS would become a JK to Grade 6 school, with grade 7 and 8 students attending Crestwood Intermediate School.
- Millbrook/South Cavan PS and North Cavan PS would become part of the Kenner CVI family of schools.
- Keith Wightman PS, Otonabee Valley PS and Roger Neilson PS would become JK to Grade 8.
- Kaawaate East City PS would become dual track JK/SK to Grade 6. The Grade 7 and 8 English stream students would attend Otonabee Valley PS. At the secondary level, English stream students would attend Thomas A. Stewart SS. Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion students would continue to attend Adam Scott Intermediate School and Adam Scott CVI.
- French Immersion students from within the Norwood District High School (HS) family of schools (Norwood District PS and Havelock Belmont PS) would attend Hillcrest PS and then Campbellford District HS.
- North Shore PS French Immersion students who attend Westmount PS and reside in the area generally described as being bounded by the 6th Line and the Otonabee River to the north, the Otonabee River to the east, Rice Lake to the south, and Highway 28 to the west of the North Shore PS school boundary would attend Prince of Wales PS for French Immersion.
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Enrolment projections, a chart describing the impacts of this concept and a map illustrating the proposed changes are included in Appendix B.

Concept E

In this concept the following changes would occur:

- Highland Heights PS would become part of the Crestwood SS family of schools. Highland Heights PS would become a JK to Grade 6 school, with grade 7 and 8 students attending Crestwood Intermediate School.
- Millbrook/South Cavan PS and North Cavan PS would become part of the Kenner CVI family of schools.
- Kaawaate East City PS would become dual track JK/SK to Grade 6. The Grade 7 and 8 English stream students would attend Otonabee Valley PS. At the secondary level, English stream students would attend Thomas A. Stewart SS. Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion students would continue to attend Adam Scott Intermediate School and Adam Scott CVI.
- Boundary adjustment between Queen Elizabeth PS and Queen Mary PS wherein students residing south of Parkhill Road West, east of Donegal Street, Stewart Street and George Street North, west of the Otonabee River would attend Queen Elizabeth PS (Appendix C).
- An intermediate school would be established at Queen Mary PS, with the grade 7 and 8 English stream students from Edmison Heights PS, Queen Mary PS and R.F. Downey PS attending Queen Mary PS. These students would attend Adam Scott CVI for secondary school.
- French Immersion students from Edmison Heights PS, Kaawaate East City PS, and Westmount PS would continue to attend Adam Scott Intermediate School and Adam Scott CVI for French Immersion.
- French Immersion students from within the Norwood District High School (HS) family of schools (Norwood District PS and Havelock Belmont PS) would attend Hillcrest PS and then Campbellford District HS.
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8. Community engagement meetings will be held to provide community members with the opportunity to review the revised/additional accommodation planning

concepts and ask questions of administrative staff and trustees. An electronic feedback option will also be available.

The meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

- October 1, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – Kaawaate East City PS
- October 10, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – Millbrook/South Cavan PS
- October 17, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – Adam Scott CVI

Updates and invitations will be shared with school communities to participate in the community engagement meetings.

9. A final decision/recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees at the December 10, 2024 Board meeting. It is anticipated that the long-term accommodation strategies will be implemented using a phased approach, with initial changes becoming effective September 2025.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

10. There will be no budget implications for the 2024-2025 budget. Future budget implications of these decisions will vary depending on the accommodation planning concept 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.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the City and County of Peterborough Accommodation Planning Update Report, dated September 11, 2024, be received for information.

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