

To: The Chair and Members of the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board

From: Jennifer Cobb, Chair, Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee Mandy Savery-Whiteway, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board

Re: Belleville Area Accommodation Review Recommendations

Purpose

To bring recommendations to the Trustees as a result of the accommodation review process conducted in the City of Belleville.

Background

An accommodation review process was undertaken in the City of Belleville as per Policy 15: Student Enrolment/School Capacity: Pupil Accommodation Review which states that a group of schools may be considered for an accommodation review where:

- The school or group of schools will experience an adverse impact on learning opportunities for students due to declining enrolment.
- Reorganization involved the schools will enhance program and learning opportunities for students.
- One or more of the schools is experiencing higher building maintenance or renewal expenses that the average for the system and/or is in need of major capital improvements.

The purpose of the accommodation review was to recommend changes that support:

- More equitable access to program offerings.
- Enriched program offerings wherever possible.
- Continued capacity to deliver special education programs.
- Optimization of resources.

Current situation

According to Policy 15: Student Enrolment/ School Capacity: Pupil Accommodation Review, the Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee (SE/SCC) was required to review the final report from administration and public input and prepare its recommendation to the Board. The recommendation are based on the final report and recommendations from administration, and feedback compiled from the public delegation. The SE/SCC had the discretion to approve the recommendations(s) as presented by administration or to recommend a different outcome. At its meeting on June 12, 2017, the SE/SCC prepared the following recommendations for Board consideration.



Recommendation #1

Moved: D. Patterson Seconded: D. Inch

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the consolidation of Hillcrest School and Prince of Wales Public School at Prince of Wales Public School effective September 2017, as contained in Board Report No. B-2, dated June 19, 2017.

Recommendation #2

Moved: D. Patterson Seconded: L. Kyle

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve, effective September 2018, the consolidation of Quinte Secondary School and Moira Secondary School at Moira Secondary School, with a rebranded name and logo; and the associated boundaries modified so that some students move to Centennial Secondary School in order to ensure an equitable distribution of students for programming purposes; and seek Ministry of Education funding/approval to build a new Grade 9-12 secondary school in Belleville in consultation with the City of Belleville. Potential locations could include the former Hillcrest School property, current site or another location in the east end of Belleville.

Should funding/approval for a new build not be approved, seek Ministry of Education funding/approval for an addition/renovation to Moira Secondary School, as contained in Board Report No. B-2, dated June 19, 2017.

Recommendation #3

Moved: M. Hall Seconded: J. Williams

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve that Queen Elizabeth Public School (Belleville) and Queen Victoria School be consolidated pending submission of a business case to the Ministry of Education; seeking Ministry of Educating funding/approval to build a new Grade K-8 elementary school in Belleville, in consultation with the City of Belleville. Potential locations could include the Queen Elizabeth Public School (Belleville) property or another location in the east end of Belleville.

Harry J. Clarke Public School students would remain at the current site.

Should funding/approval for a new build not be approved, seek Ministry of Education funding/approval for an addition/renovation to Queen Elizabeth Public School (Belleville) to consolidate queen Elizabeth Public School (Belleville) and Queen Victoria School at the Queen Elizabeth Public School (Belleville) site, as contained in Board Report No. B-2, dated June 19, 2017.



Recommendation #4

Moved: D. Patterson Seconded: M. Hall

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the relocation of Grade 7 and 8 students from Sir John A Macdonald School to Centennial Secondary School, creating a Grade 7 – 12 school effective September 2017, as contained in Board Report No. B-2, dated June 19, 2017.

Recommendation #5

Moved: M. Hall Seconded: B. Danes

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve revisions to the attendance boundary between Sir John A Macdonald School and Susanna Moodie Elementary School effective September, 2018. Families with children registered at Sir John A. Macdonald School will not be impacted by attendance boundary changes as contained in Board Report No. B-2, dated June 19, 2017.

Recommendation #6

Moved: M. Hall Seconded: J. Williams

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve continuing to explore opportunities for community partnerships for the consolidated school(s), including child care opportunities that are aligned with the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan priorities as contained in Board Report No. B-2, dated June 19, 2017.

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Respectfully submitted,

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