

Community Information Bulletin #1 Hosting St. Anne Catholic Elementary School

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In Spring 2022, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) was informed that the Ministry of Education approved the board's application for funding a new 504-pupil place school to replace the existing St. Anne Catholic Elementary School (CES).

Due to the nature of the work it is not possible to safely host students and staff on site during this time. Therefore, St. Anne students will be hosted at an alternate location during the demolition and construction period.

A variety of options were considered for the temporary hosting of St. Anne students. These included available classrooms at the host school, available kindergarten classrooms at the host school, proximity to the St. Anne community, and the host school's ability to accommodate additional buses and cars on site.

In December 2022, DPCDSB hosted a Community Open House and Meeting, to share with parents and guardians the planned accommodation strategy to host St. Anne students during the demolition and reconstruction of the St. Anne school building.

The intent is to host students from St. Anne in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, who are in the English Track program, at St. Ursula CES.

Students who attend the St. Anne Extended French program will be hosted at St. Angela Merici CES.

St. Anne CES will operate as a separate school within the host school buildings. The bell times for the schools will be offset, therefore minimizing traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. The daily operation of St. Anne within St. Ursula and St. Angela Merici will be coordinated to minimize disruption. This includes offset times for recess, lunch, gym and library. There will be minimal interactions between the schools.

The expectation is to relocate all students during the 2023-2024 school year, subject to obtaining all of the necessary approvals, permits, etc. More information around the relocation date of host students will follow.

DPCDSB will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Please note that this and future Community Information Bulletins regarding the St. Anne Catholic Elementary School reconstruction project can be found on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's website, dpcdsb.org, in the [About Us](#) section under [Planning and Operations](#).