

Community Information Bulletin #9

Update: St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School

June 2023

As the school year comes to a close, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is pleased to share the good news regarding the reopening of St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School (CES). On September 5, 2023, the school will reopen its doors to returning students. It has been a long journey for students, staff, and parents/guardians following an unfortunate event which saw the St. Leonard school community displaced since May 2020. The intent has always been to have students return to the St. Leonard school building before the end of this school year. However, while the restoration continues to proceed, there have been various setbacks, which will delay completion of the restoration and prohibit occupancy of the building prior to September.

As noted in Bulletin #8, extensive damage to the concrete on the second floor was discovered when restoration commenced. As a result, the hallway on this floor required removal and replacement. This is now complete along with the painting of the walls, ceiling grid installation, and the installation of the public address (PA) system, telephone, and data cabling. There is, however, outstanding mechanical and electrical work that must be completed prior to returning to the site. Therefore, St. Leonard students will continue to be hosted at St. Rita Catholic Elementary School until the end of June.

Restoration of the original building will be completed over the coming months to ensure the school is ready for September. The construction of the addition is expected to be on-going during the fall, however, this will not affect occupancy of the original building. DPCDSB has constructed numerous additions to elementary and secondary schools while students have occupied the original portion of the building.

All St. Leonard staff and students returning in September 2023 will finally return to their home school site at 185 Conestoga Drive.

Thank you to the St. Leonard school community for your patience and perseverance throughout the past three years. A special note of thanks to the St. Rita community for welcoming and hosting St. Leonard during their time of need. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer.

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