

Community Information Bulletin #3

Update: St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School

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As the 2020-2021 school year comes to an end, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) has the following updates to share regarding the restoration of St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School.

On May 14, a Business Case was submitted to the Ministry of Education requesting permission to use unspent funds from previously approved capital projects, to construct a four (4) classroom, airconditioned addition at St. Leonard to replace the two Relocatable Classroom Modules (RCMs). The number of classrooms identified is based on current and future enrolment at St. Leonard. In addition to the four (4) classrooms, a seminar room, work room, barrier-free washroom, and custodial room, are also proposed.

The submission outlined the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the request, the benefits of a bricks and mortar addition to replace the RCMs, the timing of construction, and the proposed funding source. DPCDSB also outlined the urgency of a response, recognizing that St. Leonard students are currently being hosted off-site.

The clean-up of the building is now complete. Going forward, the original building will be prepared to commence restoration following a response from the Ministry of Education regarding the request to construct an addition. The school grounds will continue to be maintained and secured. Once a decision has been made regarding the proposed addition, DPCDSB will be in a position to provide a timeline for staff and student return to the original St. Leonard school building.

Until that time, St. Leonard students will continue to be hosted at St. Rita Catholic Elementary School. It is anticipated that hosting arrangements will remain in effect for the 2021-2022 school year.

Busing will continue to be made available to all students, currently residing within the St. Leonard School boundary that meet the DPCDSB transportation eligibility requirements.

The YMCA before and after school program will continue to operate at St. Rita for St. Leonard students.

Our next Community Information Bulletin will be issued in Fall 2021.

Please note that this and future Community Information Bulletins regarding the temporary relocation of 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](#).