

Community Information Bulletin #5

Update: St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School

December 17, 2021

Following correspondence of September 3, 2021, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) has the following updates to share regarding the restoration of St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School.

As the community is aware, in late summer, the Ministry of Education granted DPCDSB approval to construct a four (4) classroom, air-conditioned addition at St. Leonard to replace the two Relocatable Classroom Modules (RCMs) in addition to the restoration work required to the main building as a result of fire damage.

The firm of Hossack and Associates Architects Inc. has been retained by the Board to refine the scope of work, design, and develop a schedule for this project. To submit appropriate applications for municipal approvals, a completed survey and geotechnical investigation will be required. These have been scheduled with completion dates identified early in 2022. The design of the addition is nearing completion and preparations are being made for the demolition of the existing RCMs. As noted in previous correspondence the clean-up of the main building is complete. The school grounds will continue to be maintained and secured.

At a time when municipal applications have been submitted and reviewed, DPCDSB will be in a better position to provide a timeline for staff and student return to the original St. Leonard building. As we move through the design and municipal approvals process, DPCDSB will continue to keep the St. Leonard community apprised of any relevant dates affecting the relocation of students back to the original school site.

Until that time, St. Leonard students will continue to be hosted at St. Rita Catholic Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

It is anticipated that the next Community Information Bulletin will be issued in Spring 2022.

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](#).