

## Community Information Bulletin #8

### Update: St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School

February 16, 2023

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) has the following updates to share regarding the restoration of St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School (CES) and the construction of an addition.

The restoration and construction of an addition at St. Leonard CES has commenced and will proceed in various phases. As the community would be aware, the demolition of the RCM structure has been completed and the site cleared of debris.

Phase two, which involves the restoration of the existing building, has commenced. Initially, the expectation was that the restoration would be completed so that students and staff could move back to the St. Leonard school building following the March Break. During the restoration phase, it was discovered that there was damage to the concrete in the hallways of the second floor, which was not visible during previous non-invasive investigations of the building structure. As a result, the hallways have been removed and must be replaced. Currently there is no access to the second floor. While the crews are working diligently to restore the building, a setback like the replacement of the upstairs hallway will result in a delay for students and staff from returning to the building for March Break.

DPCDSB continues to aim for a return to the St. Leonard school building before the end of the school year. As noted in previous bulletins, phase three, which involves the construction of the addition, will take additional time to complete and will be ongoing after students have returned to the main building.

Another important note is that ongoing global supply chain issues continue to have an impact on many DPCDSB project schedules. We will continue to keep the St. Leonard community informed as construction progresses.

A community meeting date to discuss the delays is in the process of being finalized. Information on the meeting date and time, including a link to the meeting will be circulated in the coming days.

St. Leonard students will continue to be hosted at St. Rita Catholic Elementary School and 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.

*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](http://dpcdsb.org), in the [About Us](#) section under [Planning and Operations](#).*