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On June 8, 2020, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) shared the news that St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School students would be hosted at St. Rita Catholic Elementary School as a result of extensive fire damage that occurred at St. Leonard on May 9. The following information provides an update on the status of St. Leonard.

The DPCDSB Health and Safety Department and Plant Department have been working in conjunction with the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) to determine the extent of the damage and resulting insurance claim at St. Leonard. The investigation into damages took several months to complete on-site, with further assessments and valuations conducted off-site to determine necessary steps to restore the building. OSBIE has now concluded the claim and DPCDSB is moving forward with plans to tender the restoration project for the main school building. As part of the restoration, DPCDSB will be assessing the addition of air conditioning to the main building. Staff is also assessing the need for the existing Relocatable Classroom Modules (RCMs) which are the 18 temporary accommodation classrooms at the back of the building, based on current and future enrolment at St. Leonard. A decision on the RCMs will be made in the coming months.

In view of the preceding, 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 June 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](#).