

St. Rita Catholic Elementary School Temporary Host Location for St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School

June 8, 2020

This notice is to advise parents/guardians of students attending St. Rita Catholic Elementary School of the hosting arrangements that will take effect for St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School students and staff commencing September 2020.

On May 9, St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School suffered extensive damage as a result of several fires that were deliberately set within the building. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) Health and Safety and Plant Departments are working in conjunction with the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) to determine the extent of the damage. Until such time as further information is available from OSBIE and for staff to recommend a permanent plan of action, students from St. Leonard will require temporary hosting at an alternate location.

DPCDSB staff have enacted a contingency plan to host St. Leonard students at St. Rita. The main factors used in determining the temporary host location include the proximity to the St. Leonard community and the availability of surplus classrooms at St. Rita. In addition, both schools are located within the St. Leonard Parish boundary.

St. Rita and St. Leonard will operate as separate schools within the same building. The bell times for the schools will be offset, thereby minimizing traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. The daily operation of the two schools within St. Rita will be coordinated to minimize disruption to St. Rita students. This includes off-set times for recess, lunch, gym and library. There will be minimal interactions between the two schools.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is attached. We will continue to update you through Community Information Bulletins like this one on an ongoing basis.

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](#).