

Community Information Bulletin #4

Update: St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School

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As we prepare to start the 2021-2022 school year, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) has the following updates to share regarding the restoration of St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School.

In May of this year, DPCDSB submitted a Business Case to the Ministry of Education requesting permission to construct a four (4) classroom, airconditioned addition at St. Leonard to replace the two Relocatable Classroom Modules (RCMs). 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.

It is with great pleasure that we can share that the Ministry of Education has granted DPCDSB approval for this project. Preparations are now underway to submit the appropriate applications for municipal approval. The clean-up of the building is complete, and restoration will commence once a contractor has been selected to construct the addition. The purpose of appointing one contractor for restoration of the existing building and construction of the addition is for efficiency and cost effectiveness. In the meantime, the school grounds will continue to be maintained and secured.

At this time, we are unable 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.

Our next Community Information Bulletin will be issued as further information on a return date becomes available.

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](#).