

## Community Information Bulletin

### St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School Temporary Host Location

June 8, 2020

As you are aware, 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 Department and Plant Department are working in conjunction with the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) to determine the extent of the damage. The investigation into damages is anticipated to take up to three months. 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.

#### **What's the Plan?**

On June 2, the DPCDSB Administration and Finance Committee received a staff report regarding the accommodation of St. Leonard students at an alternate location. DPCDSB staff have enacted a contingency plan to temporarily accommodate the entire St. Leonard student body at St. Rita Catholic Elementary School when school resumes in September 2020.

St. Rita is located at 30 Summer Valley Drive in Brampton, which is approximately 4.6 km from St. Leonard (location map attached). St. Rita is a 743-pupil place school and is anticipated to have 10 empty classrooms and six vacant portables in September. St. Rita is also equipped to host another school as it acted as a temporary host location for St. Evan Catholic Elementary School in 2018. The available space will allow St. Rita and St. Leonard to operate as individual schools within the same building.

Notwithstanding the information noted above, there remains much uncertainty about how a return to school in September will look for students amidst the Coronavirus pandemic. Classroom and busing requirements are therefore subject to change. Staff will update the community as further information becomes available.

#### **What about Transportation?**

All students, currently residing within the St. Leonard school boundary and who meet the DPCDSB transportation eligibility requirements, will be bused to St. Rita. Temporary bus routes and stops will be determined by the DPCDSB's Transportation Department no later than August 31. Please refer to [www.STOPR.ca](http://www.STOPR.ca) after August 31.

#### **What about Childcare?**

Further information will be forthcoming regarding the operation of the school-aged Before and After School program at St. Rita for St. Leonard students.

### **New Registrations for St. Leonard**

Registration for St. Leonard can be undertaken at <https://www.dpcdsb.org/schools/register-for-school>  
Students currently attending St. Leonard will automatically be transferred with no further action required.

### **Next Steps**

Further information will be forthcoming with respect to any changes to the classroom and school bus distancing requirements as a result of COVID-19. 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](http://dpcdsb.org), in the [About Us](#) section under [Planning and Operations](#).*