



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education

Date: April 26, 2021

Subject: **Annual Facility Partnership Opportunities**

Origin: Scott Grieve, Superintendent, Facilities Services
Claudia Henry, Community Use, Partnerships and Compliance Officer

Recommendation

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file the Annual Facility Partnership Opportunities Report dated April 26, 2021.”

RATIONALE

Background

In accordance with Board Policy PO-435 Community Planning and Partnerships Policy, the Board is required to determine a final list of schools that have suitable space available for partnership opportunities and communicate it to the public.

Developing cooperative and collaborative facility partnerships enables the Board to reduce facility costs and improve educational opportunities for students. Partnerships can also foster greater ties to the community and represents an important part of the Province’s strategy regarding community hubs.

The Board’s Partnership opportunities involve co-building new facilities, leasing and licensing existing unused spaces, and the development of joint use agreements to use portions of existing schools and administrative facilities during school hours. The Board has been receptive to sharing facilities for the use of unoccupied space in existing schools and administration facilities where the partnerships are appropriate for the school setting and where it enhances student achievement.

This report summarizes the list of schools that should be circulated for potential partnership in 2020-2021 in accordance with the Durham Catholic District School Community Planning and Partnerships Policy PO-435 and associated Administrative Procedure AP-435-1, and reports on both new and existing facility partnerships.

Criteria for Selection

In accordance with Administrative Procedure AP-435-1 schools are to be considered for potential partnership when they meet one or more criteria listed within the procedure. The criteria for consideration includes:

- long term enrolment projections which allow for a portion of the building to remain unused or underutilized;
- all schools with a projection of 200 or more excess pupil places or 60% or less utilization for at least two (2) years from the start of the partnership;
- other schools where a portion of the building remains unused or underutilized;
- space is not required for Board programming or other uses;
- ability to identify and create a distinct and contiguous space within the facility;
- facility is not located within an area identified for a possible accommodation review within three (3) years from the time the space is identified as available;
- appropriate access to the space;
- parking availability;
- facility condition;
- zoning restrictions.

Schools Considered

Staff reviewed the enrolment projection and facility utilization data for all elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Board's Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) 2021-2025 dated February 22, 2021 to determine if there were schools which would meet the enrolment criteria for consideration.

Based on the criteria contained within the Board's procedure, the following schools have underutilized spaces within the school that may be considered for the development of a facility partnership in available surplus space:

1. Holy Family Catholic School
2. St. Bridget Catholic School
3. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School
4. St. Francis de Sales Catholic School
5. St. John Paul II Catholic School

Co-build Opportunities

The Board's Community Planning and Partnership Policy contemplates the ability of the Board to jointly build facilities with other agencies that are complimentary in nature. The

Board is seeking potential co-build partners for the following school construction projects located in the LTAP:

1. Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School Replacement - Oshawa
2. Unnamed Seaton #1 Catholic Elementary School - Pickering
3. Unnamed West Whitby Catholic Elementary School – Whitby
4. Unnamed Kedron Catholic Elementary School - Oshawa
5. Unnamed Brooklin Catholic Secondary School – Brooklin
6. Unnamed Seaton #2 Catholic Elementary School – Pickering
7. Unnamed Seaton Catholic Secondary School - Pickering

Existing Partnerships

The Board continues to work with many agencies and organizations to provide a range of facility partnerships. The current list of partners includes the following:

- Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School partnership with Back to Basics Basketball for the use of one portable;
- Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School partnership with Advantage Titans Basketball Club for the use of one portable;
- Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School partnership with Flying Angels Track and Field Club for the use of one portable;
- Holy Family Catholic School partnership with Brock Community Health Care to use the former child care space;
- The Giffard Centre partnership with The Participation House – Durham Region for use of the gym and one classroom;
- Monsignor John Pereyema Catholic Secondary School partnership with Durham College for joint use of Technological Education space;
- Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School partnership with the Community Innovation Lab in renovated space;
- Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School partnership with Grandview Children's Centre in renovated space;
- St. Mary Catholic High School partnership for the use of City of Pickering fields and school facilities.

The Board has received approval to proceed from the Ministry of Education to expand Child Care Centres in the following schools:

- Good Shepherd Catholic School a total of four new infant, toddler and pre-school rooms for the YMCA Child Care;
- Monsignor Philip Coffey Catholic School a total of five new infant, toddler and pre-school rooms for Waterview Child Care;
- St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School a total of four new infant, toddler and pre-school rooms for PRYDE Child Care.

PUBLIC MEETING

In the past the Board has held a public meeting to address the available locations for potential facility partnerships in existing space and co-builds. Staff recommend that the information contained in the report be sent electronically at this time to all interested stakeholders, and if required a virtual meeting can be held.

NEXT STEPS

It is intended that staff would review any potential partnership applications in accordance with the Policy and Administrative Procedure and return to the Durham Catholic District School Board for further direction.

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