

UPDATE TO PORTABLE PLAN AND OTHER ACCOMODATION NEEDS 2019-2020

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INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The "Annual Portable Plan and Other Accommodation Needs 2019-2020" report was approved at the April 11, 2019 meeting of the Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee with direction to consult the St. Agnes and St. Jerome communities regarding portable placement.

Consultation has occurred at both locations and this report recommends proceeding with portable placement at both sites as proposed.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was ____ hours

B. PURPOSE

1. To provide detail concerning community consultation at St. Jerome and St. Agnes with regard to portable placement on site.

C. BACKGROUND

- 1. The "Annual Portable Plan and Other Accommodation Needs 2019-2020" report was approved at the April 11, 2019 meeting of the Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee with direction to defer implementation of portables at St. Agnes and St. Jerome for one (1) month so that community consultation could take place.
- 2. Consultation occurred on April 17, 2019 at St. Jerome and on May 27, 2019 at St. Agnes. The Local Trustee, Planning staff, Area Superintendent, Principals and CSPC representatives were present at each meeting.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The annual assessment of Accommodation Needs was undertaken by the *Planning Department throughout January and February of 2019.* Each school was reviewed based on projected enrolment and teaching space requirements. Where additional space was required or declared surplus, each Principal was asked to confirm their anticipated needs with Planning staff and provide feedback.

- 2. Staffing models completed and confirmed with Principals and Area Superintendents, were utilized to verify space requirements. Additional space requirements resulting from enrolment increases were identified and addressed as part of this process including site visits where necessary.
- 3. St. Jerome requires additional portable classrooms to accommodate growth in the area as well as a successful French Immersion program. The community listed several concerns with regard to the temperature in a portable, reduced playspace and expressed opposition to any interior modifications to create space in the school. There are two existing portables on site. There are 25 available teaching spaces in the school inclusive of existing portable classrooms. A total of 27 teaching spaces are required as per the FORM 100 staff modelling.
- 4. St. Agnes requires a portable classroom to accommodate some growth as well as distribution of classes in appropriate teaching spaces. There are four existing portable classrooms on site. Currently, the music program is offered on the stage in the gym, which is not an ideal situation for either class. A total of 14 teaching spaces in the school inclusive of existing portable classrooms. Fifteen (15) teaching spaces are required as per the FORM staff modelling.
- 5. Both school communities are understanding and supportive of the need for portable classrooms to accommodate enrolment pressures. The Local Trustee expressed concerns regarding the placement of portables as becoming a permanent solution to overcrowding. Staff are committed to reducing portable classrooms whenever possible through management of enrolment intake and boundary realignment as has occurred in several schools Boardwide.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That portable placement at St. Agnes and St. Jerome proceed as part of the Annual Portable Plan 2019-2020.