



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND PROPERTY
COMMITTEEANNUAL PORTABLE PLAN AND OTHER
ACCOMMODATION NEEDS 2025-2026

"Enlarge the site of your tent and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes." Isaiah 54:2

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INFORMATION REPORT

Vision: *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

Mission: *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of portables and other accommodation needs for the 2025-2026 school year based on enrolment projections and projected staffing needs.

The cost of the portable program inclusive of labour, transportation and materials is funded from the approved 2024-2025 School Renewal Plan. The removal and replacement of portables will occur during the summer of 2025.

By the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, the TCDSB will have a total inventory of 282 portables, with 259 portable classrooms in use on school sites and 23 portables available for deployment to respond to any urgent accommodation needs. This represents a reduction of 11 portables in use from the current school year.

B. BACKGROUND

1. ***The annual assessment of accommodation needs was undertaken between January and April of 2025.*** Each school was reviewed based on projected enrolment and teaching space requirements. Where additional space is required, each Principal is requested to confirm their anticipated needs and provide feedback.
2. ***Consultation with School Principals occurs based on identified accommodation needs.*** If portables are required, sites are assessed for appropriate placement location. Where portables cannot be placed due to site restrictions, alternatives are explored such as internal renovations to create space or the implementation of other enrolment control measures.

Portables are removed from sites where accommodation needs no longer exist.

3. ***Renewal staff with support from Board trades, carry out portable classroom maintenance and renovation to reduce the need to purchase new portables.*** Renewing a portable at a cost of approximately \$30,000 extends the life of the portable 15 to 20 years and is a significant savings to the Board in comparison to the cost of a new portable at over \$100,000. Through this program, TCDSB does not need to purchase new portables to satisfy accommodation needs.

C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. ***Resulting from the annual assessment of accommodation needs, the following portable actions will occur over the summer months of 2025 to***

align with enrolment changes, and the refurbishment of aging portable inventory.

School	Portable Action	Impact
St. Ambrose	Add	+4
James Cardinal McGuigan	Add	+2
Sts. Cosmas and Damian	Add	+2
St. Joan of Arc	Add	+2
Nativity of Our Lord	Add	+2
Former Holy Redeemer	Remove	-4
St. Maria Goretti	Remove	-5
Norfinch Portable Yard	Remove	-2
St. Roch	Remove	-1

2. ***In summary, 12 portables will be added to schools identified above to accommodate enrolment increases.*** These requirements will be satisfied through the relocation of 10 portables deemed surplus at other sites and 2 portables from the Norfinch Yard. Overall, there is a reduction of 11 portables in use from the current school year.
3. ***There will be a total of 23 portables available for redeployment.*** These are located at the Norfinch yard and vacated or temporary relocation sites. The portables will remain in their current location until they are required at other sites or deemed surplus to TCDSB needs. This practice avoids incurring duplicate costs to move and activate portables.
4. ***Following completion of the current Capital Plan, the portable inventory could be reduced by up to 58 units.*** This reduction does not reflect the natural changes in enrolment that will necessitate addition or replacement. The removal of portables from individual schools in the future will continue to be reviewed annually. Portables deemed surplus will be assessed for either demolition or sale to another school board.
5. ***On sites where portable placement is challenging, internal renovations are considered as a measure to address accommodation needs.*** Internal renovations are continuing at St. Eugene to create necessary space to accommodate enrolment growth.

D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The portable budget maintenance program is tracked through SAP work notification orders and reported to the Ministry of Education.
2. The portable inventory is tracked through the Education Capital Information System (ECIS) Ministry database.

E. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. The Portable Plan is funded from the 2024-2025 School Renewal Plan, approved at the October 10, 2024, meeting of the Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee.
2. Consultations have occurred for schools where portables are being added.
3. Unanticipated portable needs arising during the year and not identified in this report will be funded through the Renewal contingency, as well as the cost savings realized from completed projects. Trustees and Area Superintendents will be notified accordingly.
4. Communication material will be issued to schools and neighbours in accordance with the Operational Procedures within the *Good Neighbour Policy S.A. 25*.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.