



ADDENDUM

To report entitled:

“Modified Accommodation Review - Township of Brock Elementary
(Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report”

Original Report presented at the Board Meeting on

January 23, 2017

The attached report is an Update Report to the Final Staff Report that was originally presented to the Board of Trustees at the January 23, 2017 Board Meeting. The attached report provides a summary of input received and re-tables the motions that were deferred from the January 23, 2017 Board Meeting for Trustee approval.

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DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

REPORT TO: Durham District School Board **DATE:** February 21, 2017

SUBJECT: Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) –Staff Update Report **PAGE** 1 of 5
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1. Purpose

To provide the Board of Trustees with an Addendum - Staff Update Report to the report entitled “Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report”. This Staff Update Report provides a summary of community input, emails and a phone call, received during Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process. There was an opportunity for community input through delegations at the February 6, 2017 Standing Committee Meetings however there were no presentations made.

The report provides the Board of Trustees with the Staff Recommended Option, transitional measures and associated motions to support the needs of the Township of Brock students attending the two schools: Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS.

2. Background

Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review consultation process, as outlined in Board Policy and Procedure #7113: Pupil Accommodation Review, Section 6.6.2, outlines the requirement for delegations through presentations to the Board of Trustees. There was an opportunity for the community members to make delegations through presentations to the Board of Trustees at the February 6, 2017 Standing Committee Meeting. No delegations were made.

There was input received through seven emails and a voicemail (phone call returned by staff) provided as Appendix A. The following report provides a summary of the community input provided through Phase 2.

3. Analysis

3.1 Community Input

As part of Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process there was an opportunity for community members to make presentations to Trustees at the February 6, 2017 Standing Committee Meeting however there were none made.

Through Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process six community members sent in seven emails and left a voicemail. Staff provided a response to the voicemail message via a phone call. The emails and a staff response, along with a summary of a community member voicemail returned by a phone call by staff, are provided as Appendix A to this report.

3.1.1 Option Preferences

Table 1 provides a summary of the input provided through Phase 2 as well as identifying if input was provided previously by the community member in Phase 1 and their affiliations. Option preference has also been identified through both Phase 1 (if applicable) and Phase 2.

Table 1		Option Preference	
Phase 2 Input	Input Provided in Phase 1 (affiliation) *	Phase 1	Phase 2 Input
Email #1	Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Family #7	Option #1**	NO CHANGE
Email #2, Email # 5	Community Member #22	Option #4	NO CHANGE
Email #3	No input provided in Phase 1 – Origin Unknown	NA	Option #2**
Email #4	No input provided in Phase 1 - Community Member	NA	Option #2**
Email #6	Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Family #8	Option #2**	Option #4**
Email #7	No input provided in Phase 1 - Community Member	NA	Option #3**
Phone call (follow up to voicemail)	Origin Unknown #31	Option #1**	NO CHANGE

*Update to BTE Final Staff Report - Appendix B Responses by affiliation and also identifies input number to identify previous input and option preference

**Option 1: Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS would remain open and operating and the boundaries would remain status quo.

Option 2: Build a new school on Beaverton PS site pending community support, Trustee approval and Ministry of Education approval and funding.

Option 3: Closure and Consolidation of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS and build a new school on Thorah Central PS Site.

Option 4: Closure and Consolidation of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS into a school on the Beaverton PS site that comprised of the original 1924 school house and a new addition. The two existing additions will be demolished.

Of the input provided in Phase 2 three people reiterated their previous option preference as noted in Table 1 above. The remaining four are summarized as follows:

- One family from Thorah Central PS indicated that they preferred Option #4 (retain 1924 Beaverton PS building and build a new addition at Beaverton PS), rather than Option #2- Staff Recommended Option;
- Two people (a community member and origin unknown) indicated their preference for the Option #2 - Staff Recommended Option;
- One community member identified their support for Option #3 (build on Thorah Central PS site).

3.1.2 Overall Summary of Input

Overall based upon input from Phase 1, summarized in the January 23, 2017 Board Report entitled “Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report” Appendix B and Phase 2 as noted in Table 1 above, the majority of school community and community input received continues to support Option #2 – Staff Recommended Option.

By affiliation, the support is as follows:

- 47.06% of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS families;
- 44.44% of community member input;
- No support received from Staff (only 1 response received in total for this category);
- 36.36% of input from unknown origin (could not be categorized above);

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- Overall support for options identifies that out of the 38 families (35 families providing input in Phase 1 and 3 families providing input in Phase 2) the Staff Recommended Option received the most support at 42.11%, as identified in Table 2.

	TOTAL	<u>Option #2</u> <u>Support Staff</u> <u>Recommended</u> <u>Option</u>	Option #1 (Status Quo)	Option #3 (Build on Thorah Central PS)	Option #4 (keep 1924 Beaverton school, addition on Thorah Central PS)	Input/Question only**
Table 2						
TOTAL INPUT PHASE 1 with Phase 2 Update*	38	16	8	6	4	4
TOTAL % INPUT RECEIVED	100.00%	42.11%	21.05%	15.79%	10.53%	10.53%

* Updated Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Modified Accommodation Review - Summary of Input from January 23, 2017 Board Report entitled "Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report" Appendix B.

**Input and questions that did not identify an Option were grouped in this category and included in the total.

***Possible responses would total 200 families.

4. Conclusion

Staff have analyzed and presented information in regards to input provided through Phase 2 of the Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Accommodation Review. Information received is found in Appendix A. The Staff Update Report, provided as an Addendum, and read in conjunction to the report entitled "Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock Elementary (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report" is provided to the Board of Trustees for information.

After consideration of the input provided in Phase 2, the Staff Recommended Option, provided as Appendix B, and outlined in the Final Staff Report entitled "Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report" continues to be recommended by Staff with transitional measures.

5. Recommendations

- 1) That the Durham District School Board of Trustees receives the Addendum Report to "Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report" entitled "*Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Staff Update Report*".
- 2) The following represents the motions that were deferred from the January 23, 2017 Board Meeting to the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting, and thereby re-tabled for the Board of Trustees' consideration:

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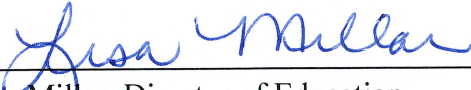
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Motions:

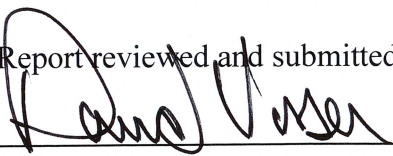
- a) That the Durham District School Board of Trustees authorizes Board Staff to approve the closure and consolidation of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS into a new school on the Beaverton PS site, pending Ministry of Education approval and funding.
- b) That the Durham District School Board of Trustees authorizes Board Staff to submit a business case to the Ministry of Education, for a new school on the Beaverton PS for the consolidated enrolment of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS.
- c) That the Durham District School Board of Trustees authorizes Board Staff to continue to adhere to current school boundaries for Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS until such time as a new school is completed on the Beaverton PS site, and a new school year commences.
- d) That the Durham District School Board Trustees approve funding to assist in the transition and 'celebration of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS', pending Ministry of Education approval and funding.
 1. Year 1 - \$5,000 be provided to assist in the transition and celebration of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS.
 2. Year 2 - \$10,000 be provided to assist in the transition and celebration of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS.
 3. Year 3 - \$5,000 be provided to assist in the transition and celebration of Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS.

Report reviewed by:

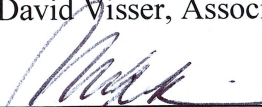


Lisa Millar, Director of Education

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Phase Two Community Input

Appendix B – Staff Recommended Option

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PHASE 2
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Email

Phase 2 - Email #1 Received: December 20, 2016 8:12 PM

Dear

I want to reaffirm my opinion that the chosen location is the worst of the two locations, for many reasons (a lot of which I stated at the meeting). As for future needs, any addition or portables will further decrease the property size. The students will already be losing track/soccer/ball field. Where are they to play these games or run? What happened to Min. of Ed. desires that kids get a minimum amount of exercise per day? Like all other MOE and Board decisions, student and public needs fall under the shadow of saving money. How do you feel about long wait times at emergency rooms? Lack of doctors and nurses? Again, political decisions in favour of the almighty dollar, which only goes into their pockets, scandals and boondoggles.

I will REPEAT myself for the LAST time on the bullying issue. The involved teachers, administration, trustee, and involved superintendant, did NOT respond to the issue other than to unprofessionally and immaturely bury their heads in the sand, pass the buck and make excuses, and cause trouble for my family (which caused my children emotional trauma that I can only hope is temporary). It is known that Beaverton has a huge, longstanding issue with bullying, to which the response has repeatedly been the same. If we have ongoing communications, you will learn that I HATE repeating myself- especially to so called educated persons, and ESPECIALLY when it comes to the wellbeing of my children.

As far as the issue of overbuilding a new school based on projections, and the Ministry wanting to avoid that, was it not a total waste of taxpayer money for a group of people to get paid for doing these projections? Not to mention the waste of paper and ink to print them? And a waste of public time to hear/read them? And what gets me, and apparently I must be an uneducated redneck moron, is that the proposed facility does NOT even match CURRENT enrollments- let alone leave any room for growth.

I would like to leave off with a question (that I would have liked the time to ask everyone at the meeting). How old is the residence (or any renos) in which you reside? If 4-5 years old or older, most likely current codes and requirements are NOT met. Does that make the place any less capable of meeting your needs? Does your day to day life suffer as a

result? When it comes right down to it, students learned better and tended to be in better shape in the day of the small one room school houses, without a fraction of what either of our two schools have to offer today. Administrative leadership and support along with educator ability are the MOST important in-school tools for students educational welfare. Not new "state of the art" facilities.

Sincerely,

Response: January 13, 2017

Thank you for your email dated December 20, 2016. I am responding on behalf of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) in regards to your concerns regarding the proposed consolidation of the two schools, Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS into a new school on the Beaverton PS site.

Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process has commenced. Please be advised that the [“Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock \(Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS\) – Final Staff Report”](#) is now available on the Board’s website at www.ddsb.ca (Accommodation Review quick link).

[Your email, and this response](#), is posted on the Board’s website at www.ddsb.ca (Accommodation Review quick link). This is the process followed with all Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Elementary (BTE). Your email and this response will also be included as part of the Addendum – Staff Update Report to Trustees to be presented at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting. This report will also be posted on the Board’s noted above.

The proposed school on the Beaverton PS site would include a larger gymnasium than what is currently available at either of the two current schools. The proposed consolidation, with the increased enrolment would allow for more opportunities for students as they relate to programming, extra-curricular activities, and co-curricular activities. Many of these opportunities would include physical activity for students.

Staff have had preliminary discussions with the Township of Brock and they are open to further discussions for joint use of Township property for additional play space. The DDSB is also open to other opportunities to explore the acquisition of additional properties adjacent to the school, if available.

As outlined in the January 10, 2017 Final Staff Report the actual use of the school space (On the Ground Capacity) differs from the Ministry of Education Capacity of the School (page 5 and 6 of Final Staff Report). Staff will continue to refine enrolment projections as the project progresses.

The welfare of all students is a concern of the DDSB. If you and your child have concerns in regards to bullying please contact your school's administration. If you require further assistance you can contact your Family of Schools Superintendent's office. Additional information is also available on the Board's website under [safe schools](#).

As part of Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process there is an opportunity for delegations at the February 6, 2017 Standing Committee. Registration is required in advance, details are available on the Board's website. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to make a decision at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting.



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Phase 2 - Email #2 Received: December 20, 2016 9:42 PM

Your response mentioned nothing about acquiring the land locked property behind & beside Beaverton PS.

Are all options costed?

Response: January 11, 2017

Thank you for your email dated December 20, 2016. I am responding on behalf of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) in regards to your suggestion related to the land locked property behind and beside Beaverton PS.

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If the Staff Recommended Option is approved by Trustees and approved and funded by the Ministry of Education, Board staff would be open to opportunities to acquire any additional lands adjacent to Beaverton PS.

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PHASE 2
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Phase 2 - Email #3 Received: December 23, 2016 10:23 AM

To whom it may concern

Greetings, I just wanted to extend my support for the proposal to construct a new school on the beaverton public school site. I believe this would a great opportunity for our community and I thank you for putting forth the proposal.

Sincerely

Response: January 11, 2017

Thank you for your email dated December 23, 2016. I am responding on behalf of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) in regards to your support for a new school on the Beaverton PS site.

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PHASE 2
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Email

Phase 2 - Email #4 Received: January 9, 2017, 12:04 p.m.

Good afternoon,

I hope you had a restful holiday. I just wanted to touch base regarding the consolidation of the two schools. As you know, I am a local community member and have had much conversation with fellow community members regarding combining the two schools. Over the holidays, some of my peers became concerned when they read all the negative feedback on the site. They expressed their concerns to me, and indicated that many people who supported the project (which is the vibe I get from the community), did not post on the website. I am also worried that will this hurt the outcome. I was told I should let you know about this concern. Hope it's not too late!

Response: January 11, 2017

Thank you for your email dated January 9, 2017. I am responding on behalf of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) in regards to your support for the consolidation of the two schools, Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS into a new school on the Beaverton PS site.

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In the Final Staff Report all community input received via e-mail, voice-mail, comment sheets or in person was considered and acknowledged. Additionally a ‘nil’ or ‘no’ response was considered as support. These numbers are quantified in the Final Staff Report available on the Board website.

As part of Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process there is an opportunity for delegations at the February 6, 2017 Standing Committee. Registration is required in advance, details are available on the Board's website. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to make a decision at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting.



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Email

Phase 2 - Email #5 Received: December 21, 2017, 4:20 p.m.

To the ARBTE concerning the proposed new school in Beaverton.

Please remove my name from the support for Option #2 and move it to option # 4. At the time I emailed you this option had not yet been proposed. I am still waiting to here about purchasing the vacant land abutting ther school

As well the Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society (BTEHS) wishes to support option #4. **AT NO TIME** has our society been contacted for input into the accommodation review.

Response: January 17, 2017

Thank you for your email dated December 21, 2016. I am responding on behalf of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) in regards to your concerns of the proposed new school on the Beaverton PS site.

Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process has commenced. Please be advised that the [“Modified Accommodation Review – Township of Brock \(Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS\) – Final Staff Report”](#) is now available on the Board’s website at www.ddsb.ca (Accommodation Review quick link). In the Final Staff Report all community input received via email, voicemail, comment sheets or in person was considered and acknowledged. Additionally a ‘nil’ or ‘no’ response was considered as support. These numbers are quantified in the Final Staff Report available on the Board website.

[Your email, and this response](#), is posted on the Board’s website at www.ddsb.ca (Accommodation Review quick link). This is the process followed with all Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Elementary (BTE). Your email and this response will also be summarized as part of the Addendum – Staff Update Report to Trustees to be presented at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting. The update report will also be posted on the above-noted website (Accommodation Review quick link).

Staff have had preliminary discussions with the Township of Brock and it is open to further discussions for joint use of Township property for additional play space. The DDSB is also open to other opportunities to explore the acquisition of additional properties adjacent to the school, if available.

The Durham District School Board does not contact the community individually to provide input on the Accommodation Review process. The [December 13, 2016 Public Meeting Notice](#) was advertised in the Brock Citizen on November 3, 2016 and provided on the Board's website. There was also the opportunity for the community to provide input via the email and voicemail lines. This is the process as outlined in the DDSB's Policy and Procedure #7113: Pupil Accommodation Review.

As part of Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process there is an opportunity for delegations at the February 6, 2017 Standing Committee. Registration is required in advance, details are available on the Board's website. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to make a decision at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting.



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Email

Phase Two - Email #6 Received: January 22, 2017, 8:37 p.m.

Hello,

Further to the Final Staff Report, I just wanted to reiterate my overall support for the consolidation of Beaverton Public School and Thorah Central.

However, I found the staff report and associated summary of comments not necessarily an accurate representation of some of the comments received. While the report notes that Option #4 was added after the public meeting and therefore past the report deadline in December, it also notes that there was no support for this Option. How do expect people to support Option #4 when it wasn't outlined as an option prior to the commenting deadline. Based on some of the submissions online and the number of comments on social media in response to the local news story on the final staff report, I think you would find that a lot more people would support this option if it was originally included as an option (including the Town's historical society, whose comments outlined on the website note their support for Option #4).

Appendix B of the staff report also outlines that my original email (#17) was classified as supporting Option #2. If you read my original email, you would see that I would have supported Option #4 if it was an option outlined on the website prior to the commenting deadline. I support Option #4 to maintain the original front portion of BPS, remove the rear additions and build a new addition on the site to preserve the original historic building while providing a new school portion for the consolidation of the 2 schools.

I can appreciate that the original building has its issues and that demolition and building a new school would be the easier option. I just think this community would appreciate a sincere consideration of this option. Brock Township and the community of Beaverton have done an excellent job at preserving some of its own historic buildings (ie. the town hall, library and a few of the buildings along the main street). I think it would be a shame if we didn't at least explore Option #4 before the opportunity is lost. If after careful review, it is found that the original school building just cannot be maintained because there are too many issues, then I would support Option #2 as I do feel that consolidation of the 2 schools is in the best interest of the students and the community, just not necessarily at the expense of this community's history. I also think that Option #4 would help to maintain the track and a lot of the other existing amenities on the BPS site, which many people are still concerned about.

Also, there was never any direction given to outline your associated affiliation when providing your comments because that is how the comments would be summarized. I believe a school is a very important building within the community for all residents and it shouldn't matter whether you have children currently attending either school or not. My son currently attends Thorah Central and both my son and daughter attend the YMCA at Beaverton Public, but that wasn't outlined in my original email and therefore, my comments were categorized as "community member" vs "school family." Do my comments not hold the same weight either way? I just think the summary of input based on affiliation was an interesting way to represent the comments received.

Since the decision lies with the School Board trustees at this point, I'm just hoping that some additional review for Option #4 could be supported, but ultimately I support consolidation of the 2 schools. I just think it is a shame that this community might lose a significant heritage structure because of a hasty decision.

Thanks,

Response: January 24, 2017

Thank you for your email dated January 22, 2016. I am responding on behalf of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) in regards to your comments on the Final Staff Report and your support for Option #4.

Your email, and this response, is posted on the Board's website at www.ddsb.ca (Accommodation Review quick link). This is the process followed with all Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Elementary (BTE). Your email and this response will also be included as part of the Addendum – Staff Update Report to Trustees to be presented at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting. This report will also be posted on the above-noted website (Accommodation Review quick link).

In preparation for the Final Staff Report, staff reviewed all input and attempted to identify 'general affiliation' based upon information provided. The categorizing into groups/affiliation; Beaverton PS and Thorah Central families, Community Members, Staff Members and Unknown was for information only and provided a way to quantify the data. For your information you were identified as a Thorah Central PS parent/family in the summary, Appendix B of the Report.

The options developed as a result of community input have been included in the Final Staff Report; however, the purpose of the Beaverton and Thorah Central PS Modified Accommodation Review is to determine if there is community support for the Staff Recommended Option identified as follows: To close and consolidate Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS in a new elementary school on the Beaverton PS site conditional upon community support and the receipt of

Ministry of Education approval and funding for the new school construction. If community support is not forthcoming and is funding is not approved, staff propose the two schools remain open and operating.

As part of the Accommodation Review process other options were evaluated by staff to provide the community with a comparable review of the option in comparison to the Staff Recommended Option and to provide the Board of Trustees with all input received and all options for consideration. As with all Accommodation Reviews, the Board of Trustees may consider the Staff Recommended Option, any other option contained in the Final Staff Report or the Board of Trustees could consider options not set out in the Report.

Staff review of your email and input provided at the Public Meeting identified your preference for the Staff Recommended Option; however, Option #4 will be identified in the Staff Update Report based on your input provided in your January 22, 2017 email.

As part of Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process there is an opportunity for delegations at the February 6, 2017 Standing Committee. Registration is required in advance, details are available on the Board's website. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to make a decision at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting.



**Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS
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Email

Phase Two - Email #7 Received: January 23, 2017, 4:29 p.m.

Good afternoon,

I am writing with my concern about the accommodation review of Beaverton Public and Thorah Central Schools. I am a lifetime resident of the Beaverton area, and was a student at both schools. Although from a sentimental and historical perspective, I am appalled at the thought of Beaverton Public School being demolished, that is not my property and I have no say in the matter. I can only cry as I watch another piece of history destroyed.

However, I read in the Brock Citizen recently that there was talk of discussions of the use of the park across from Beaverton Public as the new proposed school will not have room for a track on the property. This I can say something about – that is a public park that I currently have unrestricted access to. I am not willing to give up that unrestricted access, nor do I believe your teachers want me to be a part of their classes or sports activities. You can remove what I consider to be an important part of the history of this town – you own that – but please do not try to take away our access to our parkland too! If the BPS location does not have what you need to provide complete accommodation of all activities and learning that you wish to offer, then use the Thorah site or find another location that does have the space.

Thank you!

Response: January 27, 2017

Thank you for your email dated January 23, 2017. I am responding on behalf of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) in regards to your concerns regarding a potential partnership, with the Township of Brock, for the parkland across the street from Beaverton PS.

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[Your email, and this response](#), is posted on the Board’s website at www.ddsb.ca (Accommodation Review quick link). This is the process followed with all

Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Elementary (BTE). Your email and this response will also be included as part of the Addendum – Staff Update Report to Trustees to be presented at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting. This report will also be posted on the above-noted website (Accommodation Review quick link).

Beaverton PS is an adequate size to meet the needs of students however the additional parkland space, already used by Beaverton PS students and teachers (during school hours), would allow for additional space for students to use during the school day. The Board has similar agreements across Durham including partnerships in all Pickering schools located adjacent to parks.

Pending Trustee approval of the Staff Recommended Option and Ministry of Education approval and funding, Durham District School Board staff would proceed with further discussions with the Township of Brock regarding a potential partnership with the park across from Beaverton PS.

As part of Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process there is an opportunity for delegations at the February 6, 2017 Standing Committee. Registration is required in advance, details are available on the Board's website. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to make a decision at the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting.



Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Elementary AR

Phase Two: Voicemail

Voicemail #1 Received: January 12, 2017 – 12:48 PM

Yes, my name is _____. I would like to speak to you about the vote on the school closure in Beaverton. My number here is _____. Thank you.

Staff returned the call on January 13, 2017 to record any comments and answer any questions. The following discussion highlights were noted as follows:

The individual expressed uncertainty of the possibility of merging the two schools, and voiced concern that the new school may not be adequate in size to accommodate the number of students, and may also lack the possibilities for future growth. In response to this concern, staff explained that the school capacity set by the Ministry allows room for growth, thereby making it possible to accommodate a larger number of students.

The individual expressed concerns regarding taxpayers' money and stated that it is not believed to be an appropriate expenditure. Staff acknowledged this statement and assured that all financial aspects of this accommodation review are carefully taken into consideration.

In response to a query pertaining to the number of votes which were counted in-favor of the new school, staff clarified that the actual vote in favor of the staff proposed option, is 42.86%. It was further clarified that apathy votes are considered in-favour, unless stated otherwise.

There being no further questions or comments, the individual was thanked for contacting the Accommodation Review Committee.



Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Elementary Accommodation Review

Staff Recommended Option

As outlined in the Final Staff Report identifying the following:

- Build a new 303 Ministry Rated Capacity* (340 On the Ground Capacity)** school (Unnamed BTE PS) on Beaverton PS site pending Ministry of Education approval and funding.
- Once approval and funding is received, Board Staff will provide and establish timelines for process.
 - Depending on timing of Ministry of Education funding approvals it is estimated that it could take approximately two years for Unnamed BTE PS to be constructed and open.
- Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS will continue to adhere to current boundaries until Unnamed BTE PS completed, and a new school year commences.
- Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS will close and consolidate into new Unnamed BTE PS once the school is completed and open.

*Ministry Rated Capacity is set by the Ministry of Education. Music classrooms are not loaded and Special Education classrooms are loaded at 9.

**On the Ground Capacity reflects the actual use of the classroom space and can fluctuate yearly based upon use.

Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Elementary (BTE) Accommodation Review (AR)



Staff Recommended Option

Proposal Summary: Build a 303 Ministry Rated Capacity (340 On the Ground Capacity) school (Unnamed BTE PS) on Beaverton PS site pending Ministry of Education approval and funding. Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS will adhere to current boundaries until Unnamed BTE PS completed and new school year commences. Close and consolidate Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS into new Unnamed BTE PS.

ENROLMENT PROJECTION SUMMARY*

Elementary Schools	Footnote	Capacity	ACTUAL 2015**	PROJECTED										Average Utilization***	Average # of Kindergarten/Grade 1 to Grade 8 Classes per grade****
				2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Beaverton PS			167	165	159	169	179	186	188	188	177	179	172		
Thorah Central PS			144	147	145	139	140	143	149	145	146	146	152		
Unnamed BTE PS - TOTALS	1						319	329	337	333	323	325	324		1.3/1.39
Percent Utilization - Based Upon Ministry Rated Capacity	2	303					105%	109%	111%	110%	107%	107%	107%	108%	
Estimated Portables Required							0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Unnamed BTE PS - TOTALS	1						319	329	337	333	323	325	324		1.3/1.39
Percent Utilization - Based Upon On The Ground Capacity	3	340					94%	97%	99%	98%	95%	96%	95%	96%	
Estimated Portables Required							0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Note 1: Timing is dependent upon Ministry of Education funding. The earliest the school based on past experience the earliest Unnamed BTE PS could open is September 2019.

Note 2: Ministry Rated Capacity is set by the Ministry of Education. Music classrooms are not loaded and Special Education classrooms are loaded at 9.

Note 3: On the Ground Capacity reflects the actual use of the classrooms and can fluctuate yearly based upon use.

* Staff will review and update enrolment projections, as this is process progresses.

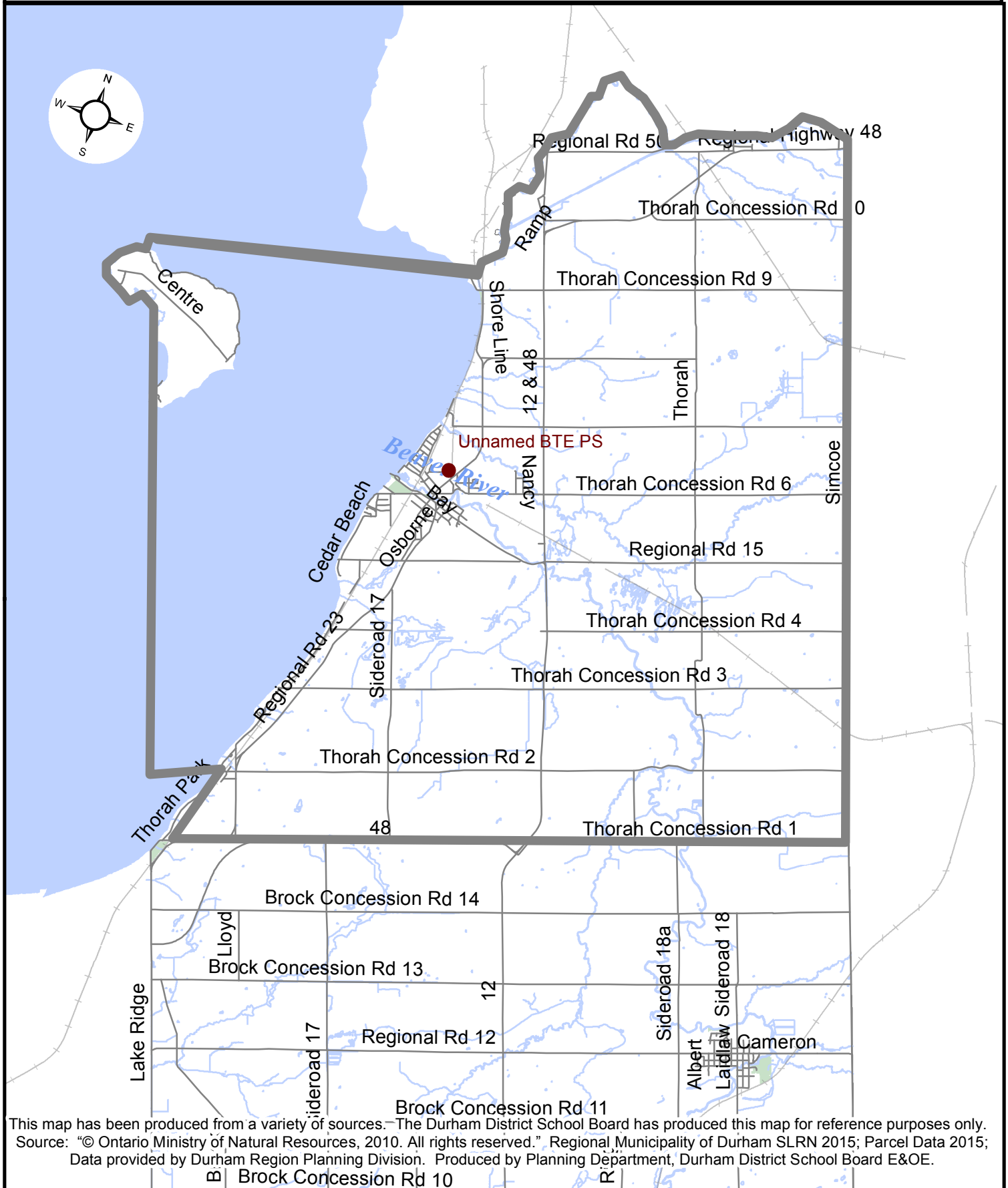
** 2015 enrolment is based on October 31, 2015 actual enrolment data.

*** Average Utilization based on 2019 - 2025 for Beaverton PS, Thorah Central PS.

****2015/2016 Board-wide elementary class average was 25.6 for Kindergarten and 22.33 for Grade 1 to Grade 8. This average was calculated and utilized through to 2025.



**Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS Elementary
Accommodation Review
Staff Recommended Option
Boundary Map**



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Staff Recommended Option New Unnamed BTE PS

Review of Option based Upon the Criteria

(as outlined in Procedure #7113 Section 2.3.1)

1. Identify where students will be accommodated.

- *Pending Ministry of Education approval and funding Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS students will be accommodated within their existing schools until such time as Unnamed BTE PS opens.*

2. Are there required changes to existing facilities? If so, identify capital funding implications if funding is available or if funding is not available.

- *Ministry of Education approval and funding is required to construct Unnamed BTE PS.*

3. Will there be any program changes? If so, identify program changes.

- *There are no changes required to existing programs.*

4. What is the impact on student transportation?

- *With Unnamed BTE PS there would be 142 students eligible for transportation, no change to the current requirements for transportation with Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS.*

5. List the relevant Municipal or Community Partner information obtained at the Long Term Use of Available School Space Meeting*

- *There was no information provided by Municipal or Community Partners to address surplus space in the BTE schools.*
- *There was no relevant planning information provided by Municipal Partners to address surplus space in the BTE schools.*

* As a requirement of Policy and Regulation #1330, section 2.2(e) a Meeting was held on September 28, 2016, to advise organizations, as outlined in Regulation 444/98, as well as the Board's partners of surplus space in Scugog Schools. Refer to the Initial Staff Report, Appendix I and J for details of this meeting.

6. Outline the timelines for implementation.

- *Timing dependent upon Ministry of Education approval and funding. It is estimated that Unnamed BTE PS could open no sooner than September 2019, based upon past experience.*