

DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Report **PAGE:** 1 of 8
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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with an update on the status of construction and major projects as of August 31, 2021. Updates to this report will be provided to Trustees on a quarterly basis (September, January, March, and June), and will be posted on the Board's website.

2.0 Ignite Learning Strategic Priority/Operational Goals

Success – *Set high expectations and provide support to ensure all staff and students reach their potential every year.*

Well-being – *Create safe, welcoming, inclusive learning spaces to promote well-being for all students and staff.*

3.0 Background

3.1 **Capital Projects**

The Board currently has approval for five new school builds and one major addition:

- February 2018: Durham District School Board (DDSB) received Ministry of Education approval to build Beaverton PS/Thorah Central PS. The new school will replace and consolidate Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS on the Beaverton PS site in Beaverton. Approval was also given to build, Unnamed North Ajax PS (Rosemary Brown PS) in Ajax, and Unnamed North Whitby PS (Willows Walk PS) in Whitby.
- July 2020: Durham District School Board received Ministry of Education approval to build a new elementary school, Unnamed Pickering Creekwood PS, at Tillings Road and Scenic Lane Drive in Pickering and an addition at Mary Street PS in Oshawa to replace the existing portapac.
- October 2020: Durham District School Board received Ministry of Education approval to build a new elementary school, Unnamed North Oshawa PS, at Windfields Farm Drive West and Wintergrace Avenue in Oshawa.

3.2 Ministry Approval Process for Capital Priorities Projects

The Ministry approval process must be carefully considered when undertaking any major capital projects. The stages of Ministry approval after submission of business cases include; announcement of funding, approval of facility space template and appointing an architect, approval to proceed to tender based on a cost consultant report and post tender approval if the tender exceeds the approved funding amount. Each stage requires Ministry approval prior to proceeding to the next step.

4.0 Analysis

4.1 Approved Capital Priorities Projects

Beaverton PS/Thorah Central PS Rebuild

Project Type: Rebuild elementary school including child care centre and Early ON hub
Occupancy Date: September 2023 (Rescheduled from September 2022)
Architect: Moffet & Duncan Architects Inc.
Contractor: To be determined

Tender document revisions are nearing completion to include the approved program increase of 4 classrooms. This program expansion will support the expected enrollment increase. Authority approvals are complete, except for final execution fees. The project is waiting for the Ministry of Education's final approval to proceed to tender. Staff communicate with Ministry staff on an ongoing basis, regarding approvals. Facilities Services and Ministry staff last met August 25, 2021 to discuss moving forward with updated project costing. The project completion date has been rescheduled from September 2022 to September 2023 due to the time frame of final approvals and the current COVID-19 situation.

Rosemary Brown PS (Williamson Drive West/Bellinger Drive)

Project Type: New French Immersion elementary school, including Early ON hub
Occupancy Date: September 2021
Architect: Cellucci + Pace
Contractor: Deciantis Construction Ltd.

The project has achieved substantial completion and occupancy and welcomed students at the start of the school-year.

Willows Walk PS (Samandria Avenue/Lazio Street)

Project Type: New elementary school, including child care centre and Early ON hub
Occupancy Date: September 2021
Architect: MC Architects Inc.
Contractor: Percon Construction Inc.

The project has achieved substantial completion and occupancy and welcomed students at the start of the school-year.

Unnamed Pickering Creekwood PS (Tillings Road/Scenic Lane Drive)

Project Type: New elementary school, including child care centre
Occupancy Date: September 2024 (Rescheduled from September 2023)
Architect: Cellucci + Pace
Contractor: To be determined

Design development of the new facility continues to progress while Facilities Services staff continue to move through the process of arranging the purchase of the property. The preliminary design meeting has taken place with the City of Pickering. The Board is currently awaiting findings from the detailed geotechnical investigation and the revised remediation plan being undertaken by the City of Pickering. The project completion date has been rescheduled from September 2023 to September 2024 due to the extensive remediation work that is required to take place before the transfer of property ownership.

Mary Street PS Oshawa – Addition

Project Type: Replacement of existing portapac with a new addition
Occupancy Date: September 2023
Architect: Moffet & Duncan Architects Inc.
Contractor: To be determined

Design development of the modular building addition is well underway while Facilities Services staff continue to work through site plan comments and amendments received from the City of Oshawa. DDSB and the City of Oshawa are currently working towards a renewed lease agreement.

Unnamed North Oshawa PS (Windfields Farm Drive West/Wintergrace Avenue)

Project Type: New Elementary School, including child care centre
Occupancy Date: September 2023
Architect: To be determined
Contractor: To be determined

The new facility continues to progress through design development. Initial site surveying is complete with geotechnical work progressing well. DDSB continues to work towards site plan agreement with the latest site plan comments received from the City of Oshawa. The property purchase was finalized in mid-August.

4.2 Major Projects

Major Projects are funded from Capital Funding provided annually to DDSB. Projects noted as CVRIS were funded by Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream funding provided by the Federal and Provincial governments.

PROJECT	SCHOOL/SITE	PROGRESS DETAILS
Main Office Renovations	Frenchman's Bay PS	Projects are under design.
	Waverly PS	Project construction is nearing completion and turnover is underway.
Family Studies Classroom	Ajax HS	Project construction is nearing completion and turnover is underway.
Roofing Projects	DASS Simcoe (Gym only) Eagle Ridge PS Fallingbrook PS Gordon B. Attersley PS O'Neill CVI Port Perry HS R.H. Cornish PS Westcreek PS Williamsburg PS	Roof replacements have been completed. Deficiency cleanup and demobilization is under way.
Masonry/Wall Cladding Restoration	Bolton C. Falby PS Vincent Massey PS Glen St PS	New cladding and window projects are nearing completion.
Library/Learning Commons Upgrades	Anderson CVI Claremont PS Glengrove PS	Projects are tendered and construction is imminent or underway.
	Joseph Gould PS	Project has been completed.

PROJECT	SCHOOL/SITE	PROGRESS DETAILS
Interior Modifications - Washroom Upgrade Projects	R.S. McLaughlin CVI Dr. Robert Thornton PS	Projects have been completed and turned over to the schools.
Child Care Projects	McCaskill's Mills PS Roland Michener PS Winchester PS Bobby Orr PS Dr. Roberta Bondar PS Bayview Heights PS Glengrove PS Lakeside PS Vaughan Willard PS Seneca Trail PS Scott Central PS	Projects are complete. Projects are under construction and nearing completion. Fall turnover is anticipated. Project was successfully tendered and construction is underway. Project has been submitted to the Ministry and waiting for approval to proceed. Project has received Ministry approval to redesign in response to utilization issues. Redesign is in progress.
Boiler Replacement Projects	Dr. Roberta Bondar PS Valley Farm PS	Dr. Roberta Bondar PS replacement is complete. Valley Farm PS replacement has been rescheduled to the summer of 2022 due to equipment shortages.
Accessibility Projects	Dunbarton HS Uxbridge PS	A new elevator was constructed to provide access to two lower levels and the main level of the school. Construction has been completed. Construction of a ramp to replace the stair lift providing access to the gym, has been completed.
Window Replacement	Prince Albert PS Claremont PS Sir J.A. MacDonald PS E.A. Fairman PS	CVRIS funded window replacement projects to improve ventilation are expecting window delivery early in September. Replacement of window units will continue throughout the fall.

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Outdoor Classrooms	Beaverton PS Bobby Orr PS Bolton C Falby PS Clara Hughes PS College Hill PS Coronation PS David Bouchard PS Earl A Fairman PS Glen Street PS Glengrove PS Gordon B Attersley PS Hillsdale PS Lakewoods PS Mary Street Community McCaskill's Mills PS Queen Elizabeth PS Sir Wm. Stephenson PS Southwood Park PS Sunset Heights PS Village Union PS (new) Waverly PS West Lynde PS Woodcrest PS	CVRIS funded outdoor learning spaces designed to facilitate opportunities for learning outside of the classroom are proceeding at 23 locations. Completion before December 31,2021.
Screening Vestibules for Existing Child Care Centres	Applecroft PS Cadarackque PS Glen Dhu PS Highbush PS John Dryden PS Joseph Gould PS Kedron PS Lincoln Alexander PS Maple Ridge PS Ormiston PS Roland Michener PS Stephen G Saywell PS Valley Farm PS	CVRIS funded vestibules are being constructed at 13 existing child care centres to improve physical distancing and facilitate daily screening for COVID-19. Completion by December 31, 2021.

4.3 Ventilation Improvement Projects and Air Conditioning

The following is a status report updating the progress of ventilation improvement projects funded from Capital Funding provided annually to DDSB. Projects noted as **CVRIS** were funded by COVID19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream funding provided by the Federal and Provincial governments.

Included are projects completing the Board approved initiative to provide air-conditioned cooling centres at each school site and a minimum of one fully air-conditioned building in each geographic area. This project has been ongoing since November 2017.

PROJECT	SCHOOL/SITE	PROGRESS DETAILS
Fully Air Conditioned Schools-Ongoing	Donald A. Wilson SS	Chiller replacement project successfully tendered. Fall of 2021 replacement is anticipated.
CVRIS Funded Ventilation Upgrades Including Air Conditioning	Bellwood PS Lord Elgin PS Uxbridge PS Uxbridge SS Westney Heights PS Southwood Park PS	Construction is underway with completion anticipated in the fall of 2021. Provision of ventilation, including air conditioning, for the 3-storey original school building is underway. Provision of ventilation, including air conditioning, for the original 3-storey school and adjacent 1956 addition is underway. Projects have been tendered and are under construction.
Ventilation Including Air Conditioning – Partial Building	Glengrove PS	Project has been tendered and construction underway.
CVRIS Funded Ventilation Projects - Non Air Conditioned	Sir J.A. MacDonald PS	Projects are under construction and nearing completion.

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Ventilation Projects Non Air Conditioned – Partial Building	Glengrove PS Lincoln Avenue PS	Projects are under construction and nearing completion.
Partial Air Conditioning/Cooling Centres-pending	Greenbank PS Valley View PS	Projects are ready for design in the fall of 2021.

This initiative will continue into the 2021/2022 fiscal year with additional sites being added to address under-ventilated learning spaces and improve ventilation across the District.

5.0 **Financial Implications**

Ministry of Education approved Capital Priorities funds in the amount of \$54,838,656 are being used to construct new schools and major additions. Annual Capital Funds in the amount of \$69,355,754 are being used for the completion of the major projects listed in this report.

6.0 **Evidence of impact**

A total of 1,910 new pupil places, 190 replacement pupil places (at Mary Street PS) and a total of 195 new child care places will be created, which will result in the removal of 26 portables.

7.0 **Communication Plan**

The Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Report is presented to the Board of Trustees in the months of September, January, March and June.

- o The report is also posted on the DDSB's website: [Construction and Property Updates](#)

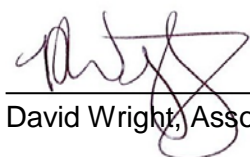
8.0 **Conclusion**

This report is provided to Trustees for information.

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