

DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

The Durham District School Board is committed to providing learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from all forms of discrimination, oppression, harassment and harm.

1.0 **Strategic Links**

New schools and revitalization of existing spaces supports meaningful learning by providing high quality teaching and learning spaces; contributes to connected communities by creating spaces that foster opportunities to meet, learn from and inspire each other; and advocates well-being by ensuring all schools and workplaces are safe, caring, and respectful environments where people can thrive.

2.0 **Policy and Legislative Connections**

[Capital Funding for the 2024-25 School Year 2024:B08](#)

[2025-26 Education Funding 2025:B02](#)

[2025-26 Capital Priorities Program 2025:B04](#)

[Launch of 2024-25 Capital Priorities Program 2024:B11](#)

[Launch of 2023-24 Capital Priorities Program 2023:B08](#)

[Education Capital Policies and Programs Manual](#)

3.0 **Abstract**

The Quarterly Construction report provides current information on Capital and major project work being undertaken at the Durham District School Board (DDSB), including the progress details on the anticipated opening of new schools and additions, and designates how Ministry of Education (EDU) funding for repairs and renovations is being used.

At the conclusion of the projects noted throughout this report there will be a total of 6,477 new pupil places, and a total of 195 new child care places. This increase in capacity, its impact on partner schools, and portable utilization is reflected in the [Pupil Accommodation Plan 2025-2029](#).

4.0 **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 March 2026. This is a quarterly report that is provided as a cyclical update to the Board of Trustees in January, March, June, and September. These reports can be found on the Board's website [Construction and Property Updates](#). This report is provided for information.

5.0 **Background and Context**

5.1 Capital Priorities Projects

The Board has received EDU approval for seven new school builds through the Capital Projects funding process at this time. The progress of these projects is outlined in section 6 of this report.

On September 8, 2025, the EDU Capital Program Branch launched the 2025-2026 Capital Priorities Program (CPP) inviting school boards to submit proposals for funding consideration to address boards' highest priority capital needs. On October 8, 2025, DDSB submitted requests for four projects and provided information on long term growth-related capital needs across the District. Projects submitted in order of priority included:

1. Unnamed North Oshawa PS - Kedron
2. Unnamed Seaton PS - Alexander Knox Road
3. Unnamed Scugog PS - Union Avenue
4. Unnamed Pickering PS - Kingston Road

The Ministry of Education capital priorities funding approval for the Unnamed North Oshawa PS - Kedron was received December 3, 2025; refer to section 6 for details.

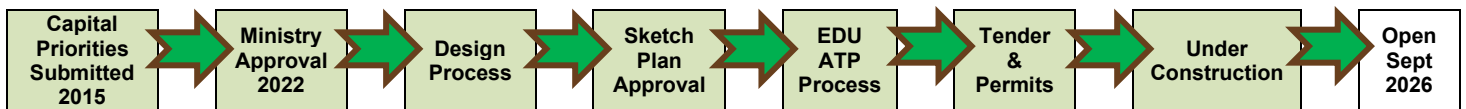
5.2 Major Projects

EDU annually provides school boards with two grants to fund renovations and building improvements. DDSB received \$17.9M in School Condition Improvement funding and \$12.4M in School Renewal funding for the 2025-2026 school year to fund these projects. In addition, DDSB received \$1.7M in funding for replacement of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete structures (RAAC) (a lightweight alternative to standard concrete used in public buildings like schools from the 1950s to the 1990s for roofs, floors, and walls) and \$7.7M in funding for Accessibility Upgrades at existing DDSB sites.

6.0 Analysis

6.1 Approved Capital Priorities Projects

Unnamed North Oshawa SS (Windfields Farm East/Bridle Road South)



Project Type: New Secondary School

Capital Priorities Submission(s): July 2015, July 2016, September 2017, September 2019, May 2021, February 2022

Ministry Approval: May 2022

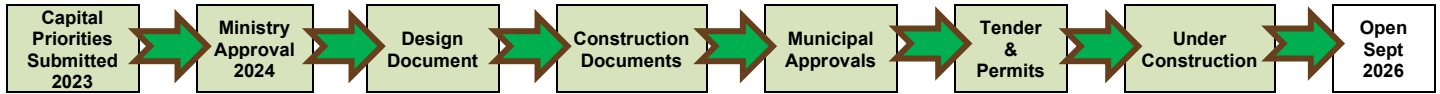
Occupancy Date: September 2026

Architect: Hossack Architects & Associates Inc.

Contractor: Percon Construction Inc.

Construction on the new facility continues to progress with structural work nearly complete and exterior works (grading, parking lot and landscape) 65% complete. Curtain wall and roofing is approaching completion; watertight project milestone was reached at the end of March. Mechanical and electrical rough-ins continue to progress well with interior finishes including painting, flooring and ceiling well underway. Project completion is currently scheduled for September 2026.

Unnamed West Whitby PS (Maskell Crescent and Coronation Road)



Project Type: New Elementary School, Including Child Care Centre

Capital Priorities Submission: October 2023

Ministry Approval: March 2024

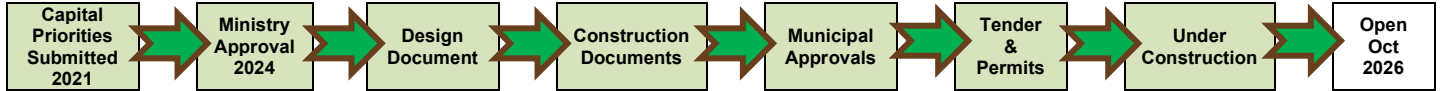
Occupancy Date: September 2026

Architect: Hossack Architects & Associates Inc.

Contractor: Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd.

Construction of the new facility continues with structural steel, load bearing masonry and precast concrete nearly complete. Roofing work has commenced while interior mechanical and electrical rough-ins progress well. Municipal approvals have been finalized with the site plan agreement registered and full building permit issued. Project completion is currently scheduled for September 2026.

Unnamed West Whitby PS (Cisco Drive and Limoges Street)



Project Type: New Elementary School

Capital Priorities Submission(s): May 2021, February 2022, October 2023

Ministry Approval: March 2024

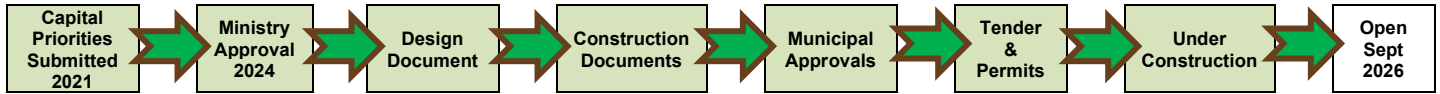
Occupancy Date: October 2026

Architect: Snyder Architects Inc.

Contractor: Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd.

Construction work on the project continues to advance with structural steel, load bearing masonry and precast concrete approaching 80% completion. Interior mechanical and electrical rough-ins on the first floor are underway, and roof joist installation is progressing simultaneously. All municipal approvals are now complete, with the site plan agreement registered and the full building permit issued. Staff continue to work with the contractor and architect to identify efficiencies, accelerate timelines, and monitor project progress, and will provide updates as key milestones are achieved. Construction is on track for a mid-October school opening. An alternate accommodation plan is currently under development with the expectation that it will be shared with impacted school communities in April 2026.

Unnamed Oshawa PS (Symington Avenue and Steeplechase Street)



Project Type: New Elementary School

Capital Priorities Submission(s): May 2021, February 2022, October 2023

Ministry Approval: March 2024

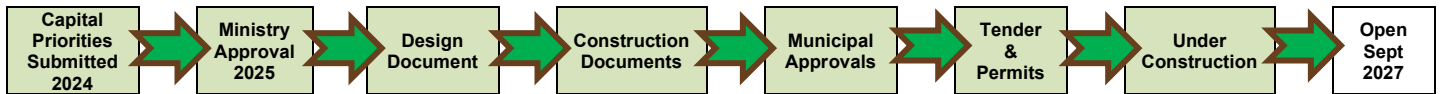
Occupancy Date: September 2026

Architect: Hossack Architects & Associates Inc.

Contractor: Everstrong Construction Ltd.

Construction Progress is ongoing with structural steel, load bearing masonry and precast concrete nearly complete while ground floor and second floor non-load bearing masonry approaches 95% completion. Roof installation has commenced while interior mechanical and electrical rough-ins are well underway on both floors. Punch window installation is complete, and weatherproofing has commenced with brick veneer to follow closely. Project completion is currently scheduled for September 2026.

Unnamed Oshawa PS (Whitelaw Avenue and Glenbourne Drive)



Project Type: New Elementary School

Capital Priorities Submission: September 2024

Ministry Approval: January 2025

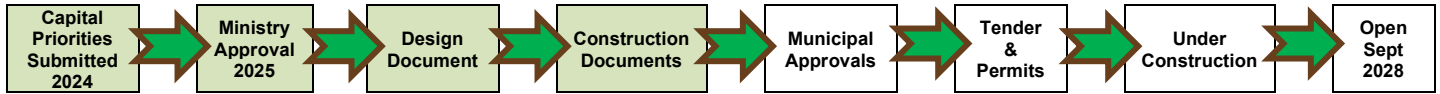
Occupancy Date: September 2027

Architect: Hossack Architects & Associates Inc.

Contractor: Everstrong Construction Ltd.

Following the completion of the construction tender in December 2025, Everstrong Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract, pre-construction submittals are in development and site mobilization is scheduled for early March 2026. The post-tender package – within project funding was submitted to EDU on January 16, 2026. Facilities staff and the City of Oshawa continue to work towards municipal approvals, with the final site plan application, conditional and full building permit applications submitted and currently under review. Project completion is scheduled for September 2027.

Unnamed West Whitby SS (Des Newman Boulevard and Coronation Road)



Project Type: New Secondary School

Capital Priorities Submission: September 2024

Ministry Approval: January 2025

Occupancy Date: September 2028

Architect: Hossack Architects & Associates Inc.

Contractor: To be determined

The Pre-Tender check in package – Not Within Funding Approvals was submitted to EDU on February 23, 2026 requesting additional capital funds. All required documents including reports by two cost consultants are currently under review by EDU staff while DDSB continues towards construction tender planned for April 2026, pending EDU approval. A delay in EDU approvals will result in revisions to the overall project schedule and may include a revised or later opening date for this school. Facilities staff continue with Town of Whitby staff and consultants to obtain site plan agreement and conditional permits. Project construction tender is currently planned for April 2026. Project completion remains scheduled for September 2028 at this time.

Unnamed North Oshawa PS - Kedron (Verne Bowen Street and Conlins Road East)



Project Type: New Elementary School

Capital Priorities Submission: October 2025

Ministry Approval: December 2025

Occupancy Date: September 2028

Architect: Moffat & Duncan Architects

Contractor: To be determined

EDU capital priorities funding approval was received December 3, 2025, for the design and construction of a new elementary school located at Verne Bowen Street and Conlins Road East in Oshawa. The new three-floor facility is a modified repeat design of a school currently under construction by Simcoe County DSB and will be situated on a 7-acre site. This new school will accommodate 680 students. Design development has commenced with Moffat & Duncan Architects. Project completion is currently scheduled for September 2028.

6.2 Major Projects

Major Projects are funded from Capital Funding provided annually to the DDSB. Funding from School Condition Improvement and School Renewal grants is used to repair, upgrade and renovate DDSB facilities in support of the goals of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Opportunities to create connected communities and enhance student learning and well-being are supported by these funds. The District's commitment to providing and maintaining clean, safe and modern learning and working spaces aligns with the commitment to respecting the dignity of staff and students and an acknowledgement of the impact of physical space on learning.

Appendix B: Capital Schedules found at pages 34-36 in the [2025-2026 Budget Book](#) provides additional project information. Projects are organized under the following categories:

School Condition Improvement

Ignite Connection

Asphalt Replacement/Exterior Site Improvements

- G.L. Roberts CVI – Final deficiencies and minor works remain for completion.
- Valley View PS, Willows Walk PS, R.S. McLaughlin CVI, Cadarackque PS, Valley Farm PS, Meadowcrest PS, College Hill PS – Construction work tendering. Construction to commence summer 2026.
- Bayview Heights PS and Carruther's Creek PS – In design with construction tender to follow. Construction to commence summer 2026.

Ignite Well-Being

Roof Replacement Projects

- Hillsdale PS, Pierre Elliot Trudeau PS – Construction contract awarded. Construction to commence summer 2026.
- West Lynde PS, C.E. Broughton PS – Construction work tendering. Construction to commence summer 2026.

Masonry/Wall Cladding Restoration

- Southwood PS - Construction work tendering. Construction to commence summer 2026.

Dust Collector Replacement Projects

- Anderson CVI, O'Neill CVI, Ajax HS – Construction work tendering. Construction to commence summer 2026.

Ventilation Projects Non-Air Conditioned – Partial Building

- Dunbarton HS - South Campus Phase 2 – Construction work tendering. Construction to commence April 2026.
- Dunbarton HS - North Campus - Phase 1 – Construction contract awarded. Construction to commence March 2026.
- Brock HS - Phase 1 - In design with construction tender to follow.
- Vaughan Willard PS & Lincoln Avenue PS– Construction contract awarded. Construction to commence summer 2026.

Sustainability & Energy Efficiency

Window Replacements

- Ajax HS – Construction work tendering. Construction to commence summer 2026.

Boiler Replacements Projects

- Dunbarton HS – North Campus – Mechanical Upgrade Phase 2 - In design with construction tender to follow. Construction timing to be determined.

Building Services Infrastructure

- Watermain Replacements
 - Uxbridge PS – Construction complete.
 - Beau Valley PS - In design.
- Electrical Service & Distribution Equipment Upgrades
 - West Lynde PS – Deferred based on tender budget overage. To be retendered with scope modifications to align with allocated budget.
 - Highbush PS – Construction contract awarded. Construction to commence summer 2026.
- Fire Alarm Upgrades
 - Donald A. Wilson SS – Construction contract awarded. Construction to commence summer 2026.

School Renewal

Ignite Learning

Main Office/Guidance Renovations

- Adelaide McLaughlin PS - In design with construction tender to follow. Construction to commence spring 2026.

Specialty Learning Space Renovations

- Henry St HS - Culinary Renovation – Construction contract awarded. Construction is underway.

Interior Modifications – Teaching Space - Classroom Refresh

- EA Lovell (D.C.E.), Woodcrest PS, and Bolton C. Falby PS - In design.

Ignite Well-Being

Change Room Renovations

- Pine Ridge SS – Construction contract awarded. Construction underway.
- Port Perry HS – Construction complete.

Washroom Upgrade Projects

- Ajax HS – Phase 1 - Construction complete.
- Ajax HS – Phase 2 – In design.
- O’Neill CVI, Brock HS and Ajax HS - In design.
- Bellwood PS – Construction work tendering. Construction to commence spring 2026.

Partial Air Conditioning/Cooling Centres

- J. Clarke Richardson CVI – Construction is underway. Chillers to be commissioned and running spring 2026.
- Ormiston PS – In design with construction tender to follow. Construction to commence Summer 2026.
- Vaughan Willard PS – Construction contract awarded. Construction to commence summer 2026.

Inclusive Design & Accessibility

- Dr. S.J. Phillips PS – Various Accessibility Upgrades (New Elevator, Accessible Washrooms, and Accessible Ramp) - Construction work tendering.
- Brock HS - Accessible Field Ramp - In design.
- William Dunbar PS - Elevator – Construction work tendering - Construction to commence spring 2026.
- Highbush PS - Elevator – Construction work tendering - Construction to commence spring 2026.
- Bayview Heights PS - Elevator – Construction contract awarded. Construction is underway.
- Waverly PS - Elevator and Accessible Washroom - In design with construction tender to follow. Construction to commence spring 2026.

Design and tendering for 2025–2026 capital projects are well underway, with bids aligning to projected budgets. The Major Projects team is working with school administrators to finalize construction schedules and logistics for awarded projects.

7.0 **Risks and Opportunities**

An element of risk is inherently present in all construction projects. Influencing factors such as unknown or unforeseen site and building conditions, weather impacts, material and labour shortages and delays can all impact schedules and ultimately occupancy of new spaces. Through regularly scheduled meetings and formal communication protocols, staff work to manage delays and share updated information as soon as it becomes available. An alternate plan to ensure learning remains continuous for students and staff is always the utmost priority when managing delays or schedule changes in progress.

The creation of learning spaces in new and existing schools provides opportunities to further current pedagogical approaches and support student learning, well-being and connections.

8.0 **Financial Implications**

EDU approved Capital Priorities funds of \$177 million are being used to construct the new school projects detailed throughout this report and represents Capital Priorities funding received over a number of years, as projects receive approval. \$76 million was utilized in 2024-2025. Annual Capital funds of \$30.3 million are being used for the completion of the major projects listed in the report.

Additional information can be found in pages 27-30 and 34-36 of the [2025-2026 Budget Book](#).

9.0 **Communication/Implementation Plan**

The Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Report is posted on the [DDSB website](#) and provides families and community members with current information on DDSB's capital works. This information is updated quarterly.

10. **Conclusion**

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

11. **Appendices**

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