

Near West Accommodation Review

Overview

Need for Interim Accommodation Measures

By September 2013, Elmdale and Devonshire Public Schools will be unable to accommodate students in available homeroom classes or portables.

Both schools are projected to experience continued enrolment growth and are scheduled to introduce full day kindergarten for September 2014 thereby increasing the need for additional instructional space.

Board at its meeting of November 6th, 2012, approved the Near West Accommodation Review which recognized the need for both Interim Accommodation Measures for September 2013 in addition to the requirement for longer term accommodation solutions for the larger Near West Area.

Accordingly, Interim Accommodation Measures need to be finalized early in the New Year in order to be implemented for September 2013, which also provides for a transition period for parents, students and the school community.

On the following pages, Board staff has outlined two Interim Accommodation Measures for discussion purposes.

In general terms, there are three methods to alter school enrolment as follows;

1. Change in school boundary area
2. Change in a schools' program offering and,
3. Change in a schools' grade structure – relocate JK's or gr. 6's.

Given the need to implement a solution for September 2013, Options 1 and 2 above leave little time for community consultation and involve significant student disruption. Given the context of the need for a longer term solution to be developed by the working committee, a grade structure change is being considered.

The relocation of both Devonshire and Elmdale's Gr. 6 EFI classes to Fisher Park is favoured by staff at the moment for reasons articulated in the attached, but we look for your input and will be seeking the input of the broader community on January 23, 2013.

Interim Measure for Discussion

Effective September 2013

- Redirect Devonshire PS and Elmdale PS JK Students to other local area schools

Scenario Details

2013

- A projected 63 JK students (Elmdale) and 60 JK students (Devonshire) would be redirected for September 2013
- Enrolment pressures at both Elmdale and Devonshire Public Schools would be temporarily alleviated for 2013

Points to Consider

- In recent circumstances where the Board has considered interim measures, the Board has typically opted to relocate JK students as disruption was minimized given that the children had not yet integrated into the school community.
 - Local area schools (except Elmdale-Devonshire) have each introduced Full Day Kindergarten and cannot readily integrate half day JK students.
 - There is no funding allocation to increase the number of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) classes for Sept 2013 beyond what has already been approved.
 - Devonshire and Elmdale each house existing child care programs which support existing students at each school; arrangements which may not be possible at a relocated site.
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**Near West Accommodation
Current and Projected Accommodation Outlook - Status Quo**

STATUS QUO School (FDK Yr)	Capacity	# Classrooms	Ports	Actuals	Projected					Comments
					2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Fisher Park 7/8 ENG/EFI/MFI/ALT/G.EFI	803	35		2011 20 5/7/0/6/2 507 63.1%	20 4/7/1/6/2 490 61.0%	21 5/6/2/6/2 528 65.8%	23 5/7/3/6/2 560 69.7%	25 5/8/4/6/2 620 77.2%	26 4/10/4/6/2 658 81.9%	School operating below capacity. Classroom space available within the school
Hilson (2012) JK-6 ENG/4-6 MFI/G.EFI/5/6	401	18		11 5/4/2 265 61.3%	13 6/5/2 295 73.6%	15 7/6/2 318 79.3%	15 7/6/2 326 81.3%	16 8/6/2 331 82.5%	16 8/6/2 342 85.3%	School operating below capacity. Classroom space available within the school
JH Putman 6-8 ENG/EFI	340	17		12 3/9 304 89.4%	11 2/9 305 89.7%	10 2/8 283 83.2%	12 2/10 313 92.1%	13 2/11 365 107.4%	14 2/12 381 112.1%	School enrolment increasing. Classroom space available within the school
Sir W. Churchill (2012) 7-8 ENG/EFI	618	30		20 8/12 480 73.1%	21 9/12 482 78.0%	21 8/13 508 82.2%	21 7/14 506 81.9%	22 7/15 528 85.4%	23 7/16 587 95.0%	School operating below capacity. Classroom space available within the school
W.E. Gowling (2010) JK-6 ENG	643	32		14 340 52.9%	14 337 52.4%	15 352 54.7%	16 370 57.5%	17 375 58.3%	17 396 61.6%	School operating below capacity. Classroom space available within the school

Notes:
 # Classrooms does not include any leased classroom space (ie childcare or other)
 # Hrm Classes (Homeroom Classes) is the total for school programs & does not include any special education or withdrawal supports.
 # Hrm Classes (Homeroom Classes) for 2012 is based on June 2012 Allocations
 # of classes by program: ENG = Regular English, EFI = Early French Immersion, MFI = Middle French Immersion. G.ENG/EFI = Gifted English/Immersion. ALT = Alternative
 Utilization = Full Time Equivalent enrolment/capacity. FTE = enrolment which counts each kindergarten student as .5 of a full time equivalent
 Enrolment = Headcount Enrolment
 Special Education Classes: 1 each at Connaught & Sir Winston Churchill/2 each at Cambridge, JH Putman, Hilson & W.E. Gowling
 * Devonshire Capacity adjusted for 2012 to reflect 2 additional classrooms from renovation

Comment Sheet

Near West Study **Meet and Greet Introductory Meeting**

Wednesday December 12, 2012

Please give us your comments regarding the Interim Solutions presented this evening. These comments are sought so that staff may better prepare for a Public Meeting to be held on January 23, 2013.

You may also submit comments via:

E-mail: NearWestReview@ocdsb.ca

Fax: 613-820-5210

Mail: Planning Department, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board,
133 Greenbank Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 6L3

Please provide your comments no later than **January 17, 2013**. Please note that there will be another opportunity to comment after the Interim Measures Public Meeting on January 23, 2013.

Name, School and/or Association: _____

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