



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education

Date: February 26, 2024

Subject: **Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2024-2028 – Presentation**

Origin: Scott Grieve, Superintendent of Business, Finance and Facilities Services
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Please find attached a copy of the *Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2024-2028* presentation.

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Attachment: Presentation

Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)

Monday, February 26, 2024

LTAP Executive Summary

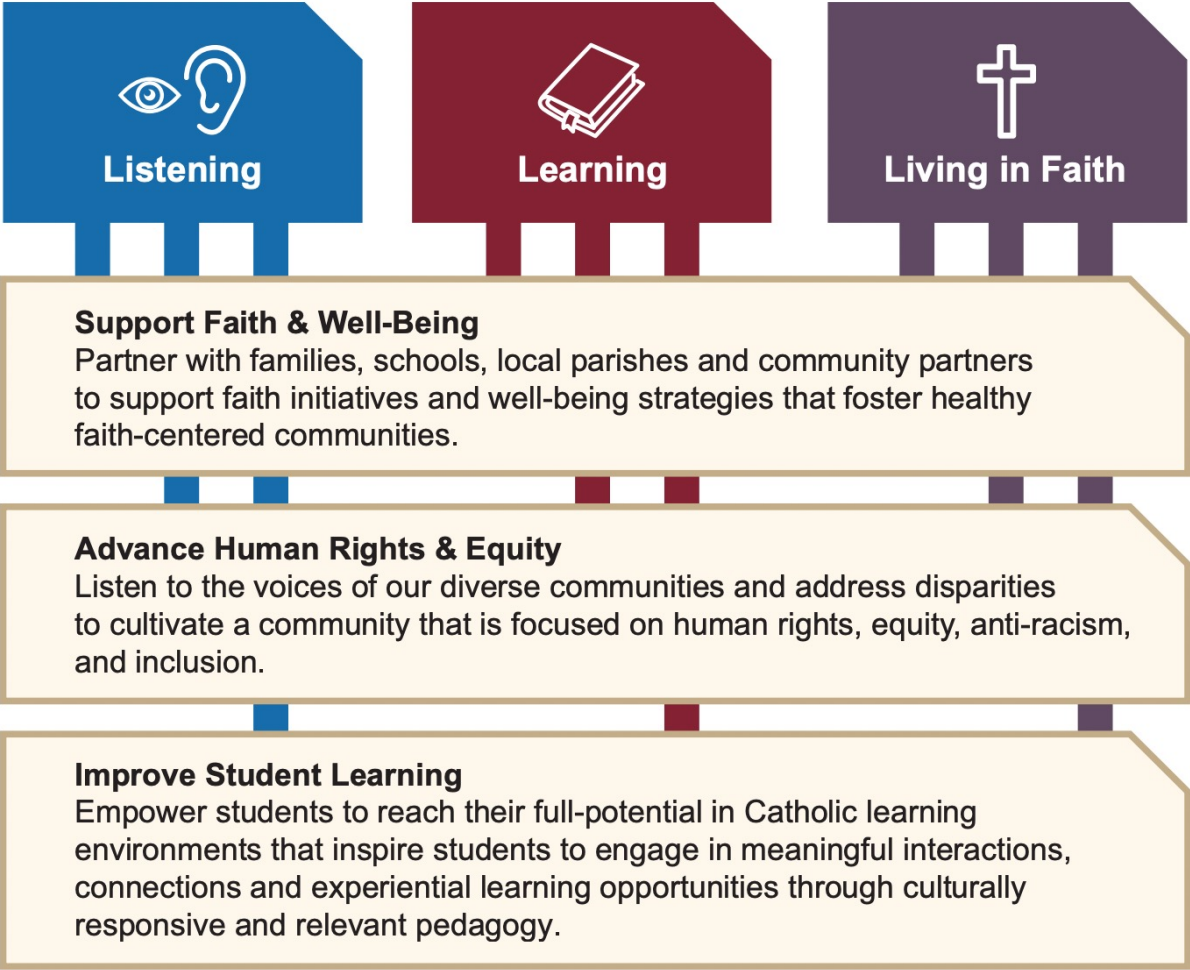
- Planned new capital construction, major capital, boundary changes and proposed Accommodation reviews.
- Establishes guiding principals
- Lists action items short term and long term.
- Ministry approved requirements
- Boards enrolment projections, capacity changes, temp accommodation and partnerships.

Guiding Principles – Motion 1

- Consistent with the Ministry of Education policies and Memoranda, boards policies and admin, strategic plan Inspire2026.
- Sustainability, Quality, Equitable, Catholic Ed across the board.
- Support Excellence in teaching
- Community engagement and consultation
- Consideration for Accessibility for Ontarians act.
- Maximize efficiency and effectiveness of the boards facilities
- Supporting a range of program models and opportunities
- Consider partnership and community hub opportunities
- Consider the impact on student transportation

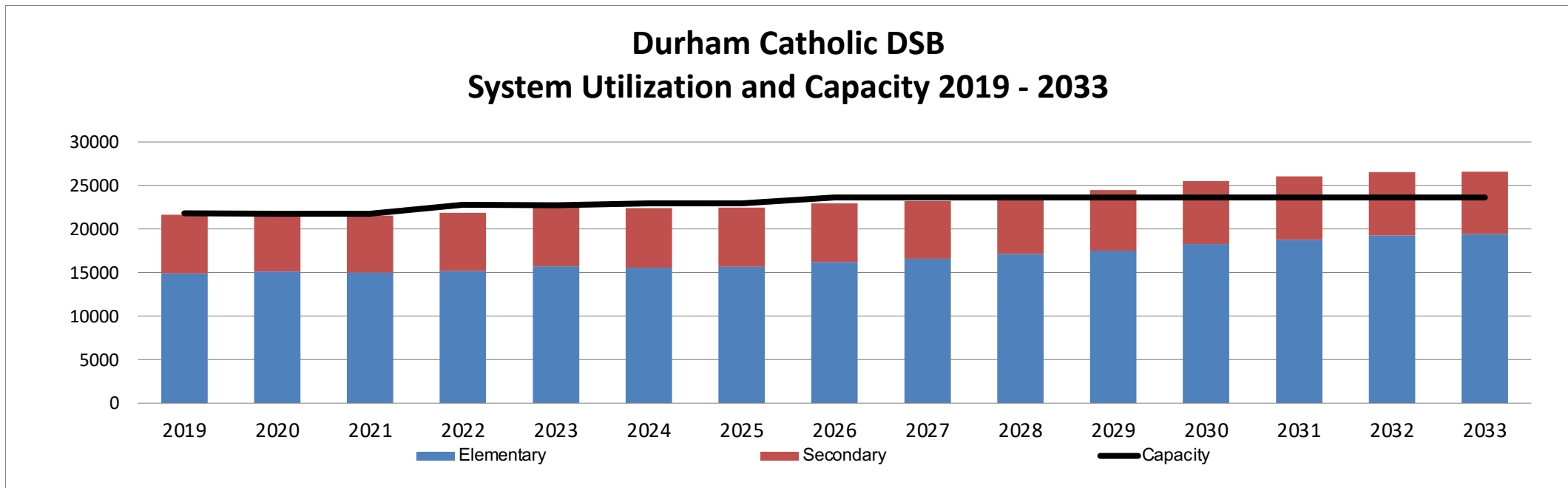
Inspire 2026 - Alignment of Priorities

The Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) will use the principles of Listening, Learning and Living in Faith, and incorporate the three strategic priorities when consulting with the DCDSB communities.



Accommodation and Utilization Projections

- 2023/2024 – Total as of September 30, 2023 = 22,556 students in 23,013 pupil places
- 98% utilization rate overall
- Elementary = 15,734 and Secondary = 6,822



Enrolment Projections

- **Municipal Summaries**
- **Pickering:** The utilization in Pickering is consistently around 100% until approx. 2025/2026 when the new Seaton School is anticipated to open which would drop utilization to around 90% while development catches up and utilization grows beyond 100% in 2028.
- **Ajax:** The utilization in Ajax starts to decline over the next couple of years below 90%. A review of boundaries and programs will be required to improve the utilization, as growth in Ajax is stunted. Several schools (St. Francis de Sales, St. Andre Bessette, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Patrick and St. Teresa of Calcutta) have utilization rates of concerns.
- **Northern Schools:** The utilization rates of Good Shepherd and St. Joseph are strong through 2033 above 100%. Holy Family has incremental growth and has recently increased above 65%.

Enrolment Projections Continued

- **Whitby/Brooklin:** The utilization rate in Whitby continues to be strong with an average above 100%, while Brooklin has dropped near 70%. Anticipated growth starts coming online in 2027-2031. A secondary boundary review might be required to ensure utilization rates remain healthy.
- **Oshawa:** The utilization rate in Oshawa continues to remain strong at an average over 100%. This is mostly attributed to the growth in North Oshawa. The proposed new schools and additions, along with the results of the Oshawa study will provide some relief and direction on boundaries and programs to help balance the utilization.

Accommodation Strategies

- The use of portables, and the repurposing of vacant spaces to partnerships are strategies used to help maintain a utilization rate of 100%.
- Portable usage (Temp accommodation):

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Elementary	66	67	69	54	54	76
Secondary	30	35	33	33	34	28
Locked	n/a	n/a	n/a	17	17	0
Leased Out	4	4	4	3	3	5
Total	100	106	106	105	108	108

Childcares and Partnerships

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Childcares	16	17	18	20	20	19
Childcare rooms	46	51	57	57	65	81
OEYC/EarlyON	2	2	5	5	5	5

Impacts of Legislative Changes

Bill 108 the More Homes, More Choices Act

- 2019 – impacted the Education act and Educational Development charges (EDC).
- Limits the increase in EDC per unit, limiting board revenue. The board may increase charge by \$300 annually. As of May 1, 2022 the board only collects \$1,986, but actually needs to be collecting closer to \$4,000 to be able to purchase new school sites. This requires continuous re-prioritization of required sites. On May 1, 2023 the rate will rise to \$2,286.

Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines (PARG)

- In April 2018 – Ministry released final PARG, indicating it would take effect fall 2018.
- PARG guidelines have still not been released to date, which is a defacto moratorium on closures.

Bill 23, the More Homes, Built Faster Act

- On October 25, 2022, the Ontario Government unveiled Bill23 with the intention of increasing housing supply to provide attainable housing options in the Province of Ontario. The stated goal is 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years.
- No changes are proposed for education development charges. Bill 23 proposes to exempt from municipal development charges (“DC”) the development of affordable residential units and attainable residential units, non-profit housing developments and inclusionary zoning residential units. School boards will need to ensure that the municipalities continue to collect EDCs in accordance with the EDC by-laws when the new DC rules come into effect, given that the new DC rules will not apply to school boards.

Listening, Learning, and Living in Faith

Action Items Completed 2023

- **Received Ministry approval for the design and construction of a new 622 pupil place Unnamed Seaton #1 Catholic Elementary School;**
 - Initiated purchase of the Unnamed Seaton #1 Catholic Elementary School site in Pickering;
 - Finalized the design of the new Seaton #1 school;
 - Submitted Site plan approval to the City of Pickering for the new Seaton #1 school;
- Adjusted the secondary boundary for Notre Dame and Archbishop Denis O'Connor for the St. Jude regular track boundary, effective September 1, 2023;
- Requested Ministry approval for the design and construction of a new 412 pupil place West Whitby#1 Catholic Elementary School (subject to Ministry approval and funding);
- **Completed construction of the 8-classroom addition to St. Anne – (Ministry of Education funded);**
- Requested Ministry approval for the design and construction of a new 622 pupil place Unnamed Kedron East #1 Catholic Elementary School (subject to Ministry approval and funding);
- Submitted the site plan for City of Oshawa approval of the new Monsignor Paul Dwyer;
- Continued the procurement of land associated with the new Monsignor Paul Dwyer;
- Requested Ministry approval for the design and construction of a 6-classroom addition to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School;
- **Completed the Oshawa elementary and secondary school program and boundary study.**

Proposed Actions 2024-2028 – Pickering

(Motion #2 in Bold, Motion #3 not Bolded)

- **Purchase the Unnamed Seaton #1 Catholic Elementary School site in Pickering (2024);**
- **Tender and start construction of the new Unnamed Seaton #1 Catholic Elementary School (2024);**
- Request Ministry approval for the design and construction of a new Unnamed Seaton #2 Catholic Elementary School (2024-28);
- Monitor for the start date of the option agreement on the Unnamed Seaton #2 Catholic Elementary School site in Pickering (2024-2028) pending draft plan of subdivision approval by the City of Pickering;
- Initiate naming committee for unnamed Seaton#1 Catholic Elementary School (2024-2025);
- Open the new unnamed Seaton#1 Catholic Elementary School (2026);
- Monitor for the start date of the option agreement on the Unnamed Seaton Catholic Secondary School site in Pickering (2024-2028), pending draft plan of subdivision approval by the City of Pickering.

Proposed Actions 2024-2028 – Ajax and North

(Motion #2 in Bold, Motion #3 not Bolded)

Ajax

- **Prepare a comprehensive review of the optimal programs and service delivery models for elementary and secondary schools in Ajax (2024-2025);**
- Implement the recommendations of the program service delivery model review at Ajax Catholic elementary and secondary school(s) (2025-2028);

Brock/Uxbridge/Scugog

- No identified actions listed for this period

Proposed Actions 2024-2028 – Whitby

(Motion #2 in Bold, Motion #3 not Bolded)

- **Start the design of a new 412 pupil place West Whitby#1 Catholic Elementary School (subject to Ministry approval of funding) (2024);**
- **Purchase the Unnamed West Whitby #1 Catholic Elementary School Site (subject to Ministry approval of funding the construction) (2024);**
- Initiate a secondary school boundary review (2025-2028);
- Monitor the west Brooklin growth to consider the purchase of the Unnamed Brooklin Expansion #1 Catholic Elementary School site (2024-2028)

Proposed Actions 2024-2028 – Oshawa

(Motion #2 in Bold, Motion #3 not Bolded)

- Purchase the Unnamed Kedron #1 Catholic Elementary School site (2024-2028);
- **Open an Oshawa Secondary French Immersion program at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School (2024);**
- **Tender and construct the replacement of Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School (2024-2026, pending land purchases; City of Oshawa approvals and Ministry approval to proceed);**
- Open the new 622 pupil place Unnamed Kedron #1 Catholic Elementary School (2026-2028, subject Ministry approval and funding);
- Implement the Oshawa program and boundary study recommendations (2024-2025).

Questions and Discussion