

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Administration

DATE: April 30, 2024

RE: **2024-2029 Draft Long Term Accommodation Plan Document and Consultation**

Executive Summary:

This report is intended to introduce the Draft *2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan (2024 LTAP)*. The intent of the Long Term Accommodation Plan is to outline a general direction for accommodating students throughout the next five (5) years, in accordance with Ministry of Education expectations that demonstrate the efficient and effective use of capital resources in a sustainable manner.

The draft 2024 LTAP was developed within the context of other strategic board documents such as the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, EDC Background Study, and overall student achievement goals.

The draft 2024 LTAP includes a summary of accommodation initiatives that will require further input and approval before implementation can be initiated. The document is being presented to Trustees and all stakeholders with the intent of receiving comments and feedback that will be reviewed and incorporated into the final document that is anticipated to be brought back in Fall 2024 for final approval.

Background Information:

A summary of key tasks and dates since the start of the development of the Draft 2024-2029 LTAP are outlined below:

| Date | Key Task |
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| June 7, 2023 | Confirmation of 2024 LTAP Principles and Parameters |
| September 26, 2023 | Confirmation of 2024 LTAP Outline |
| October 24, 2023 | LTAP Steering Committee |
| November 22, 2023 | Trustee Workshop #1 |
| February 26, 2024 | Trustee Workshop #2 |
| April 17, 2024 | LTAP Steering Committee |

| Date | Key Task |
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| April 30, 2024 | First draft of 2024-2029 LTAP and Consultation |

Development of the Draft 2024-2029 LTAP document

The Long Term Accommodation Plan is a result of work from the Planning Department with critical input from Trustees, Senior Administration and various departments (Plant, Finance, Student Services) along with the LTAP Steering Committee.

The proposed accommodation initiatives include sections on new schools and additions, temporary accommodation, boundary changes, program reviews, facility partnerships and accommodation reviews.

The Draft 2024-2029 LTAP contains background information in support of the proposed accommodation initiatives based on the following data collection and analysis:

- Regional demographics;
- Regional residential development;
- Enrolment projections;
- Facility utilizations;
- School boundaries;
- Out of Boundary enrolment; and,
- Parish boundaries;

Input from Trustees, Senior Administration and LTAP Steering Committee contributed significantly to the document and consultation plan.

Section 6.7 (page 33) of the LTAP document contains a summary of the proposed accommodation initiatives over the next five years.

Area profiles in Section 7 (page 34) contain more detailed information such as enrolment projections and school information in smaller geographic areas within York Region. Each area profile contains a map which identifies schools within the area, overall and individual school information, residential development and other tables and charts illustrating projected enrolment trends for the area.

Consultation

Pending Board approval, public consultation on the 2024 LTAP is planned to begin in May 2024 and run through to October 2024. Major initiatives planned for consultation include:

- launch of a dedicated LTAP Project Page on YCDSB’s website, which is to include information and products such as:
 - introduction to the LTAP,
 - presentation/video about the LTAP,

- the Board approved draft LTAP document,
- a “find my review area” application where users can provide their address and it would take them directly to the Area profile of their review area, and
- other pertinent information such as FAQs and contact information.
- emails out to the school communities and Catholic School Councils informing and directing them to the project page will be part of the communication.
- a survey seeking feedback about the LTAP will also be part of the engagement (launch in May but also seek feedback in September)
- public open house sessions will also be part of the consultation process to engage in person with stakeholders. It is anticipated that there will be three (3) sessions, one in the north (e.g., Newmarket/Aurora), one in the east (Markham), and one in the west (Vaughan). Staff from various departments including academic superintendents, Curriculum, Students Services, Planning, Plant, and Student Transportation Services are anticipated to attend to answer any questions.

A debrief and summary of the feedback received will be considered in finalizing the LTAP and will also be part of the final LTAP report and document anticipated in November 2024 for Board approval.

Next Steps:

| Estimated Date | Key Task |
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| April 30, 2024 | First draft of 2024-2029 LTAP and Consultation Outline |
| May 2024 | Public: Launch of LTAP Project Page of YCDSB website, Survey and release of the draft LTAP document for comment and email communications to schools communities and Catholic School Councils advising them of the release. |
| June 2024 and September 2024 | 3 Open House sessions (North, East and West) |
| October 2024 | Close of Public Feedback |
| November 2024 | Final LTAP document and Report for Board approval |
| December 2024 | Communication regarding final approved LTAP document |

Summary:

The Draft 2024-2029 *Long Term Accommodation Plan* has been provided for Trustee review and comment. The LTAP is intended to provide overall direction related to the Board’s accommodation needs. It will be a tool used to help analyze accommodation needs ensuring that YCDSB students are given the best opportunity to achieve, consistent with the Board’s Mission,

Vision and Strategic Commitments.

Comments and feedback will be reviewed with the LTAP Steering Committee and incorporated into a final document anticipated to be presented in a Fall 2024 Board meeting for final approval.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees approve the draft of the 2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan as presented.

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