

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Administration
DATE: November 26, 2024
RE: **2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan**

Executive Summary:

This report is intended to present for trustee approval, the *2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)*.

Background:

The intent of the LTAP 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 2024-2029 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 LTAP document, provided through Appendix A of this report, contains a summary of accommodation initiatives that will require further input and approval before implementation can be initiated. A draft LTAP was provided to the Board of Trustees on April 30, 2024. Public consultation ensued and concluded on October 15, 2024 through the public survey deadline. Comments received from trustees and stakeholders have been incorporated into the final document.

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
June 7, 2023	Confirmation of 2024 LTAP Principles and Parameters
September 26, 2023	Confirmation of 2024 LTAP Outline
October 24, 2023	LTAP Steering Committee

Date	Key Task
November 22, 2023	Trustee Workshop #1
February 26, 2024	Trustee Workshop #2
April 17, 2024	LTAP Steering Committee
April 30, 2024	First draft of 2024-2029 LTAP and Consultation
August 28 to October 15, 2024	Public survey
September 17, 19 and 25, 2024	Public Open House meetings
October 24, 2024	LTAP Steering Committee
November 26, 2024	Final LTAP Board Approval

Development of the 2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan:

The Long Term Accommodation Plan is a result of work from the LTAP Steering Committee, which has met regularly to review and discuss background material, planning principles and parameters, and to discuss the various accommodation initiatives proposed in the Plan.

Proposed accommodation initiatives in the LTAP include new schools and additions, temporary accommodation, boundary changes, program moves, facility partnerships and accommodation reviews.

The 2024-2029 LTAP contains background information in support of the proposed accommodation initiatives based on data collection and analysis such as but not limited to:

- Regional demographics;
- Residential development (short to long term);
- Current enrolment and enrolment projections;
- Facility utilizations; and
- School boundaries;

Section 6.7 of the LTAP contains a summary of the proposed accommodation initiatives over the next five (5) years and beyond.

In late August 2024, YCDSB stakeholders were invited by School Messenger to review the draft document, provide input and complete the survey. The survey was available between August 28, to October 15, 2024. A total of 428 responses were received, a summary of the questions and responses were reviewed by the LTAP Steering Committee and are available in Appendix B. The major themes/comments from responses of the survey were addressed in the LTAP document to provide more clarity or enhanced information (see Appendix C for details).

One section which has undergone more updating than other sections of the LTAP is Section 5.5 Pupil Accommodation Reviews. Under this section, Administration has more clearly outlined the next steps YCDSB will proceed with when the moratorium on school closures is lifted by the Province, as guided by public survey results:

- *“Update of a revised Policy 713 Pupil Accommodation Review*
- *Development of a Pupil Accommodation Review Strategy to identify communities and timelines of various reviews.*
- *Development of the required “Initial Staff Report(s)” for specific Pupil Accommodation Review(s).*
- *The Pupil Accommodation Review Strategy will be guided by the responses received from the public as part of the consultation process in developing this Long Term Accommodation Plan. Specifically, the prioritizing of the Pupil Accommodation Reviews will be based on schools with low facility conditions and excess pupil places (combining two schools without need for portables and areas with most surplus capacity).”*

Final Long Term Accommodation Plan:

Through ongoing consultation with the LTAP steering committee, trustees, senior administration, school administrators, and with consideration to the feedback received from the survey, a final version of the Long Term Accommodation Plan has been provided for approval. The following are main changes to the Summary of Accommodation Initiatives when compared to the draft approved LTAP from April 2024:

New Schools and Additions:

1. VMC joint school with YRDSB tentative construction start and tentative opening has been revised based on most up to date information

Boundary Reviews (Existing students):

1. St. Emily CES (holding area south of Teston Road) boundary review was initially identified in response to feedback from parents/guardians from the St. Clare CES community wanting to redirect students from a holding area south of Teston Road (currently to St. Emily) to St. Clare CES in an effort to add more students to St. Clare CES. Upon further review, boundary reviews are considered within the context of the principles and parameters as outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of the LTAP. This boundary review does not align with the principles and parameters as outlined in the LTAP and therefore, it is not identified as a boundary review.
2. Queensville Boundary Review and VMC Boundary Review years have been adjusted to reflect needs and timing of the projects

Facility Partnerships:

1. Added the on-going work of investigating trade/tech hub and adult continuing education centre as they could be future facility partnerships and reflects public survey comments of potentially increasing accessibility of additional programs.

Summary:

The 2024-2029 *Long Term Accommodation Plan* has been provided for Trustee approval. The LTAP is intended to provide some overall direction related to the Board's accommodation needs. It will be a tool used to help analyze accommodation needs ensuring that York Catholic students are given the best opportunity to achieve, consistent with the Board's Mission, Vision and Strategic commitments.

As has been mentioned in previous reports, the LTAP is a starting point for accommodation initiatives. With each of the six (6) categories of initiatives there is a dedicated process that involves further investigation, analysis and may include consultation with the local community.

Recommendation:

THAT The Board of Trustees approve the 2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan.

Attachments:

Appendix A: [Final 2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan](#)

Appendix B: [LTAP Survey Summary](#)

Appendix C: [LTAP Changes](#)

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