



Halton District School Board

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FOR INFORMATION

TO: The Chair and Members of the
Halton District School Board

FROM: Gord Truffen, Superintendent of Education
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RE: Martin Street Public School - Temporary Student Accommodation

Background

The Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) 2013-2014 was presented to the Board April 2014. Below is an extract from Report 14060 regarding the redevelopment on the Martin Street Public School site.

The Board received Capital Priorities funding approval for a new Martin Street PS (740 OTG) to be rebuilt on the site. How the rebuild will occur is to be determined through architectural review (i.e. tear down school/relocate students temporarily or build on the site and keep Martin Street PS open). It should be noted that the primary basis in the Capital Priorities Business Case for the new rebuild (with the additional pupil places), is to accommodate new growth from the Milton Heights area; as well as provide accommodation relief to W.I. Dick PS, Escarpment View PS, and potentially Anne J. MacArthur PS. A boundary review will be required to be undertaken in the fall of 2016 for this area.

Staff have been investigating the best way to improve and add to Martin Street Public School by either an addition, renovation or building a new school. A public open house was held at Martin Street Public School community on March 10, 2015 to share information and seek public comments on an addition, renovation or new build of the school. Three options were presented, Board staff responsible for construction, the Architects appointed by the Board and senior staff representing the School were available to answer questions. A questionnaire was handed out and was also made available online to gather public feedback.

Questionnaire Results

A total of 64 responses were received by the deadline of March 23, 2015 at 4:00 pm. This is the representation of those 64 responses:

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| 59.38% - parent of a current Martin Street PS student | 10.94% - neighbour |
| 12.50% - other | 4.69% - parent of a potential Martin Street PS student |
| 12.50% - community member | |

- 78.33% indicated a new school having all the features of other newly built schools in the area, was more important than the students remaining on-site during construction.
- 69.84% indicated a rebuild in the current location on the site and moving the students off-site during construction was more important, than the option of building beside the existing school and addressing student safety during construction.
- 64.91% indicated it is more important to move students off-site during construction even if it means they may be split between other schools in the area, rather than the option of changing the building design to keep students on-site during construction.

Summary

Given the feedback from the community, staff examined options for temporary accommodation for Martin Street Public School students. When examining the options, staff took into consideration the feedback from the community that having all of the Martin Street students in one location was important to the parents.

With the limited space available in schools in Milton, the new Boyne Public School is the most viable option for the accommodation relief. Boyne Public School will be able to accommodate the entire school population from Martin Street Public School. Boyne Public School is projected to have 503 students and Martin Street Public School is projected to have 247 students. The school will be able to accommodate both schools with the addition of two portables.

In the spring of 2015, Boyne Public School and Martin Street public School staff along with board staff will begin planning for ways to accommodate the logistics (bussing, before/after school care, bell times, etc) of the two schools sharing one site.

Schedule of the project:

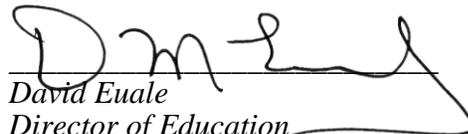
| Event | Timing |
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| Relocation of students and staff to alternative site. | December/January 2016 |
| Abatement of regulated materials from the building | Winter 2016 |
| Demolition of building | Spring 2016 |
| Start of new construction | Spring 2016 |
| Move back to the “new” Martin Street Public School | September 2017 |

Communication Plan

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| Martin Street Public School – Staff and Parents | A communication will be sent to parents on May 22, 2015. Principal will share information with staff. |
| Boyne Public School – Staff and Parents | A communication will be sent to parents on May 22, 2015. Principal will share information with staff. |

Respectfully submitted,


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 Superintendent of Education


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