



Pupil Accommodation Review for George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute – Initial Staff Report

To: Committee of the Whole

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Strategic Directions

- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

Recommendation

It is recommended:

- a) That a pupil accommodation review be established for George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute; and
- b) That the review proceed as a modified pupil accommodation review process as per the Accommodation and Program Review Policy P068.

Context

The purpose of this report is to request approval for the establishment of a pupil accommodation review for George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute. The schools are located in Ward 6 (Trustee Tonks).

A pupil accommodation review is required to develop a student accommodation plan for these two schools. This study was included in the TDSB's Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy 2019-2028 to address under-utilization and identify the best location for the schools. George Harvey CI is 37% utilized and the York Memorial CI and the George Harvey CI sites are in close proximity (700 metres apart). The fire that devastated the York Memorial CI building has caused an urgent need for the review to be completed now in order to provide certainty for the students, parents and staff of

York Memorial CI about the future of their school and to ensure that the building does not sit dormant in its current state for a prolonged period of time.

A modified pupil accommodation review is recommended to expedite the process and receive a decision on the future of the York Memorial site as quickly as possible. The modified process would enable the review to conclude with recommendations going to the Board of Trustees in June 2020 for decision making. A standard pupil accommodation review would extend into the 2020-21 school year. Another reason for the modified review is that the scope of the review will be minimal – it will focus on two schools, George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI. The TDSB has used the modified process in the past. It was used in the review of Vaughan Road Academy.

As per the Ministry of Education's Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline and the TDSB's Accommodation and Program Review Policy P068, a modified review can be approved by the Board of Trustees when the affected schools satisfy at least one of four conditions specified in the policy. In this situation, the under-utilization condition is met – George Harvey CI is currently 37% utilized, well below the threshold of 65% identified in the policy, and is projected to remain at this level for the next five years.

The pupil accommodation review process begins with an Initial Staff Report providing background on the involved schools and the issues to be addressed. The Initial Staff Report contains a minimum of three scenarios for the accommodation of students and indicates which scenario is recommended by staff at this time. These scenarios are discussed in the ensuing public consultations for feedback. The pupil accommodation review process concludes with a Final Staff Report presented to the Board of Trustees for decision making. The Final Staff Report presents the original scenarios and any additional scenarios that were developed in the consultations. It includes a summary of all feedback received.

Appendix A contains the Initial Staff Report for this pupil accommodation review. The report has been created using a draft template provided to TDSB staff by the Ministry of Education at the beginning of January 2020. Once finalized and released by the Ministry, the use of the template for Initial Staff Reports will be mandatory for all Ontario school boards.

Appendix B contains the TDSB's Pupil Accommodation Review Procedure PR598 that has been updated to reference the template. A full description of the modified process can be found in the procedure.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

If approved by the Board of Trustees, the modified pupil accommodation review will commence in February 2020. Meetings will be held with the students, parents and staff of George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI from February to April 2020. A public meeting will be held in the middle of April 2020. The Final Staff Report will be presented to a Special Committee of the Whole on June 3, 2020. The Final Staff Report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees on June 17, 2020 for decision making.

Resource Implications

The costs incurred in conducting the pupil accommodation review will be supported by the existing budget of the Strategy and Planning Department.

Communications Considerations

During the pupil accommodation review process, notices and information will be provided to the students, parents, and staff of George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI as well as the surrounding school community. Detailed information about the review will also be posted on the TDSB's public website in the Accommodation Reviews section.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

Policy P068 Accommodation and Program Review

Procedure PR598 Pupil Accommodation Review

Appendices

- Appendix A: Pupil Accommodation Review for George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute – Initial Staff Report
- Appendix B: Pupil Accommodation Review Procedure PR598

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