

Q. How can I learn more about the plans?

A. We invited parents/caregivers to join us at meetings at the impacted schools. Families could learn more about the changes and provide feedback on the

Q. Can the Grade 7 students from Millbrook/South Cavan PS be relocated to James Strath PS instead?

A. In an effort to keep communities together, (e.g., Millbrook/South Cavan PS with North Cavan PS; Westmount PS with Kawartha Heights PS) and balance enrolment numbers, the most supportive solution is to have Westmount PS and Kawartha Heights PS students attend James Strath PS.

Q. Can a new school be built instead of moving students around in Peterborough?

- A. The school board has requested funding from the Ministry of Education for a new school in the Towerhill North subdivision; however, we do not know if or when that will be approved. We do know that solutions are needed very soon, and a new school takes several years to build.
- Q. Will any of the teachers from Westmount PS or Kawartha Heights PS move to James Strath PS as part of the transition plan?
- A. School staffing is informed by a number of factors, including student enrolment, staff retirements, leaves of absence, etc. School staff have the opportunity to apply for open positions at schools, based on the pre-established processes.
- Q. As part of the broader accommodation plan for Peterborough City and County, will consideration be given to re-opening closed schools? What is the enrolment information for other schools?
- A. broader review of Peterborough secondary school boundaries and family of school groupings will be shared in the coming weeks, which will include enrolment information for all schools in the area.
- Q. As part of transition planning, will consideration be given to allow siblings to stay together at the same schools?
- A. Students will move to the same school as the rest of their classmates and cohort. Requests for students to attend a different school would be handled as an out-of-boundary request and would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Q. How will students with special needs to be supported at James Strath PS?
- A. James Strath PS staff, along with Westmount PS and Kawartha Heights PS staff will participate in transition planning for students with special needs, as part of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process, to ensure all students are supported.
- Q. How will the proposed changes affect busing, or student safety walking to James Strath PS, particularly in light of planned construction?
- A. Students will either be bused or walk to school, based on eligibility from their home address. School zones are busy places and safety is a shared