



Community Partnerships and Available Unused School Space

Bluewater District School Board's primary purpose is to support student achievement and well-being. It further recognizes that cooperative and collaborative partnerships with community partners are part of the foundation of a strong, vibrant and sustainable publicly funded education system.

Annually, Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) hosts a Community Planning and Partnership (CPP) meeting. This year's meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022 in a virtual format. As part of the CPP meeting and in accordance with Administrative Procedure 2360-D, information regarding unused space in open and operating schools, that is not surplus, but is available for partnerships will be provided to potential partners through the following notification process. A resolution of the board will support this process by:

- Posting information on Bluewater District School Board's website regarding new builds, significant renovations and any space that is available for partnerships. This information is to be updated annually in the case of space in existing schools and as needed in the case of co-building opportunities.
- Informing the entities on Bluewater District School Board's notification list when information about facility partnership opportunities is posted. The entities list will follow Ontario Regulation 444/98 Disposition of Surplus Real Property and any other potential entities by request.

Attached as Appendix A is a listing of BWDSB schools with unused space based on 2021-22 estimated average daily enrolment that could potentially support a community partnership. Schools with utilization less than 60% are strong initial candidates for community partnership opportunities. The criteria identified in section 2.6 of AP 2360-D provides additional considerations when determining the appropriateness of community partnership within BWDSB schools. Currently, there are a number of schools that have available unused space to accommodate an appropriate community partnership.

In addition, BWDSB is currently engaged in building two new replacement schools: a JK-8 school in Markdale and a grade 7-12 school in Kincardine. BWDSB has also received funding for renovations for child care space within St. Edmunds Public School in Tobermory.

We encourage interested groups, municipalities and others that would be interested in a community partnership to contact board staff regarding opportunities.

Recommendation:

That the Business Committee of the Whole recommend to the board that it approve the list of schools with available unused space that could be made available for appropriate community partnerships.

Submitted to
Bluewater District School Board
Business Committee of the Whole
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For further information, please contact
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APPENDIX A

School	2021-22 ADE*	Available Capacity**	Utilization	Unused Pupil Spaces	Community
St. Edmunds PS (JK-3)	17	107	16%	90	Tobermory
Lucknow Central PS	140	306	46%	166	Lucknow
Hillcrest Central PS	123	245	50%	122	Teeswater
Peninsula Shores CS (JK-12)	430	749	57%	319	Wiaraton
Sullivan CS	135	236	57%	101	Desboro
Normanby CS	174	294	59%	120	Ayton
Grey Highlands SS	611	1011	60%	400	Flesherton
Hepworth Central PS	349	568	61%	219	Hepworth
Spruce Ridge CS	321	516	62%	195	Durham
Chesley District CS	314	502	63%	188	Chesley
Mildmay-Carrick CS	172	268	64%	96	Mildmay
Amabel-Sauble CS	157	233	67%	76	Sauble Beach
Paisley CS	128	199	64%	71	Paisley
Hanover Heights CS	362	517	70%	155	Hanover

Figures have been rounded for the purpose of this report

Source: 2021-22 Revised Estimates for ADE

*Enrolment includes both inschool and remote learners attached to those schools, but not those that withdrew for homeschooling

**Available capacity is OTG less currently leased spaces