

DATE: March 13, 2012

TO: Board Meeting

FROM: Trustee Michael Janz

SUBJECT: Motion re Plan for District Space Post Moratorium

RECOMMENDATION

Planning in the District shall continue to emphasize the importance of providing excellent educational opportunities experiences for all children and supporting neighbourhood schools to serve children and communities. The Board shall continue to advocate at the municipal level for urban renewal through new family-friendly housing and at the provincial level for adequate maintenance and infrastructure funding.

Leading up to the expiration of the Moratorium in November 2012, the Administration shall work with stakeholders, including students, parents, community members, tenants and other levels of government, to bring forward recommendations in December 2012 to take effect September 2013 for consolidation, expansions, right-sizing schools, space sharing with other districts, or replacement schools, including the possibility of school closure, using the following criteria:

- a. Consider schools that are located in the same city neighbourhood as, or less than 700 meters from another EPSB school and where there is comfortably enough space to bring together students in one facility while continuing to offer the existing range of grades and programming options.
- b. Consider schools which do not offer regular programming and which have an enrolment of less than 100 students.
- c. Consider schools which draw from an attendance area where there are less than 80 EPSB students residing at the elementary or junior high levels.

The Administration shall also conduct programming fit reviews at schools where a regular or alternative programming stream has enrollment of less than 80 students.

This work shall be informed by the District Priorities, with an emphasis on equity and healthy transportation, as well as the work of the Moratorium Committee, previous public consultation processes, and the recommendations included in the Elevate report to support strong schools and strong communities.

BACKGROUND

Notice of motion was served at the February 28, 2012 board meeting.