

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: B. Holt, Acting Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Plan for Ellerslie Due to Municipal Upgrade

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RESOURCE

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INFORMATION

Background

Ellerslie Campus, located in the Southeast Sector of the city, is composed of a North Campus building and a South Campus building within one site. The North Campus is accessed from 66 Street, approximately 500 metres north of an intersection with Ellerslie Road. The South Campus is located at the intersection of 66 Street and Ellerslie Road and is accessed from Ellerslie Road. Traditionally, the South Campus has housed Division I elementary students and currently houses the Kindergarten to grade two classes. The North Campus, a traditional junior high, currently houses grades three to nine. Both buildings have rural-standard staff parking lots that also accommodate on-site yellow busses and all parent and visitor traffic. This approach is typical of rural schools located on rural roadways, a condition inherited when the area was annexed in 1982.

Urban development has reached Ellerslie Campus, beginning with the construction of the first portions of 66 Street as an urban arterial road last summer. This construction disrupted access to Ellerslie Campus, preventing bus travel from the South Campus to the North Campus. On a temporary basis, busses were diverted to access only the North Campus, and students were escorted to the South Campus building through the playfields. A temporary fence was installed to separate heavy equipment from the South Campus playground.

Construction on the portion of 66 Street next to the South Campus building will be completed this construction season. The city is also preparing to widen Ellerslie Road where it intersects with 66 Street from its current rural two-lane configuration ultimately to an eight-lane arterial roadway, beginning as early as this construction season. The proposed work on Ellerslie Road will create a number of issues related to the South Campus. Currently, the South Campus can be accessed at two points from Ellerslie Road while traveling east or west. The Ellerslie Road entrances may not be accessible during construction, and will be accessible only by westbound traffic when a median is installed in the middle of Ellerslie Road. A west exit for yellow busses onto 66 Street will also be closed.

Access changes to the South Campus will cause the inability to continue to use the parking lot to accommodate yellow busses, parent and visitor activity, and staff parking as currently occurs. Some land along Ellerslie Road will also need to be dedicated for roadway widening. The district is initiating an engineering design review to recommend options for improvements and alterations required to safely accommodate yellow bus, parent traffic and staff and visitor parking at the South Campus within the new roadway context.

Ellerslie Road construction will likely require yellow bus access to be restricted to the North Campus during the construction period, and other access will be severely restricted. Construction equipment and traffic will again encroach onto the edges of the school site, and the new road laneways will be located closer to the South Campus building. These impacts increase safety concerns with heightened sensitivity in relation to Kindergarten to grade two students.

Until a design review is completed for the South Campus and funding strategies for implementation identified, a recommendation will be forthcoming to the Superintendent of Schools that students be consolidated within the North Campus on an interim basis or until permanent access, bus zone and parking lot funding for the South Campus is secured.

Implementation

The student population at Ellerslie Campus will need to be limited to accommodate all the students at the North Campus building. This will be accomplished in the following manner.

1. Optimal Enrolment Limits will be placed on Ellerslie Campus and the Random Selection process used to limit non-attendance area applicants.
2. A two class per grade limit at Kindergarten and grade seven will be applied.
3. There will be no intake of a grade seven literacy class for the 2007-08 school year.
4. Portions of the Ellerslie Campus attendance area will be re-designated to other schools. Possible re-designations include the neighbourhoods of Maple Ridge and areas west of Calgary Trail at the elementary level and Maple Ridge, Tawa, Meyokumin, Sakaw and areas west of Calgary Trail at the junior high levels.
5. Modifications will be required at North Campus to accommodate the Kindergarten to grade two students, including modifications to the bathrooms and other minor interior fit-ups as required. Estimated costs are attached as Appendix I.
6. A portable classroom will be required for the 2007-08 school year.

An emergent capital funding request to implement the consolidation to the North Campus will be submitted to the province. If the request is not fully funded by the province, a request to utilize capital reserve or IMR funding will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

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Appendix I Costs (conceptual level detail) Associated with Ellerslie Campus
Accommodation Plan



FACILITIES SERVICES

Project Cost Analysis

School: Ellerslie Campus - North
 Project: Second Floor Renovations to accommodate K-6
 Date: January 3, 2007

Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit cost	Cost
Remove and dispose old lockers	147	EA	\$50.00	\$7,350.00
Build new coat storage units	154	LF	\$400.00	\$61,600.00
Supply and install new lockers in physical activity area on main floor	108	EA	\$275.00	\$29,700.00
Demolish seating unit in activity area	1	EA		\$1,500.00
Remove feature on wall in activity area	1	EA		\$500.00
New flooring in activity area	600	SQ. FT.	\$5.00	\$3,000.00
Lower sinks in Boys and Girls washrooms	1	EA		\$5,000.00
Replace two drinking fountains	2	EA	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
New soundproof wall at stage	30	LF	\$200.00	\$6,000.00
Moving costs				\$4,000.00
Lighting in Locker area and stage classroom	600	SQ. FT.	\$15.00	\$9,000.00
Relocate one portable	1	EA		\$40,000.00
Heating controls in new music room	1	EA		\$3,000.00
Sub-Total				\$174,650.00
Contingency				\$17,465.00
GST @ 2.24%				\$4,303.38
Approximate Total Project Costs				\$196,418.38

Conceptual estimate only; not for construction
 Subject to detailed design and tender pricing