

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Clareview Head Start Proposal on the Overlanders School Site

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RESOURCE

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INFORMATION

The purpose of this report is to provide the board with preliminary information about an initiative being undertaken by district staff with the Head Start organization.

As part of the district's interest in promoting early education and early intervention strategies, and in partnering with agencies to deliver such services to children, district staff are exploring options to provide district land for a Head Start Facility in Clareview. The Head Start organization is hoping to occupy the facility by December 31, 2001. The Overlanders School site was chosen as the preferred location in consultation with the City of Edmonton and Martin Garber-Conrad of the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation, who is involved in the process on behalf of Clareview Head Start. The Principal supports the concept and initial discussions with the community have been positive. Further community consultation is planned in March to ensure that there is community support for the project and the preferred building location.

In order to accommodate the project in the preferred location on the site, an equal area land exchange with the City of Edmonton would be required. The district would then lease or license the land to Clareview Head Start, as was the case with the Boys' and Girls' Club facility at Britannia School, and the Community Facility at Grandview Heights School. A zoning bylaw amendment would be required and this process would take up to 3 months. Agreement to proceed with implementing this project would be subject to Board approval of the land exchange and an agreement with the Head Start organization to construct and operate the facility. It is anticipated that a recommendation would be brought to board in May or June of this year.

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Appendix I – Proposed Location for the Clareview Head Start Facility