

St. Clair Catholic District School Board

Chatham Elementary Schools Construction Projects

Our Lady of Fatima Renewal Project Update – Phase 2

Work to renew and refurbish the Our Lady of Fatima site as the new home of French Immersion in Chatham continues.

As you may know, Phase I of this work has already been completed. This included a retrofit and interior renovations to the child care area, wi-fi expansion, the demolition of the Chatham Facility Services building, parking lot upgrades and landscape improvements.

Phase 2, which is to be completed from June through November this year, was recently tendered with bids coming in much higher than expected. As a result, some of the work in Phase 2 will be deferred until next year. The deferred work includes mechanical equipment upgrades, a Building Management System (BMS) upgrade and renovations to existing washrooms. Instead, we will retender the project and proceed with the following work:

- Installation of a new incoming water service;
- The renewal of the exterior wall of the school;
- Construction of a new barrier-free universal washroom.

A new telephone upgrade, which was also scheduled as part of Phase 2, has already been completed.

This change in schedule does not impact the overall timelines. Phase 3, which is scheduled for June to December 2019, will proceed as planned and will include the administration office and front entrance upgrades, public address system and clock upgrades, gym floor replacement, instructional and operational interior upgrades and school rebranding. The deferred aspects of Phase 2 can be incorporated into the work scheduled for Phase 3.

This is an extremely busy time for the staff of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board as we continue our work to build two new Catholic elementary schools in Chatham, one in Sarnia and refurbish and renew the Our Lady of Fatima site. But it's also an exciting time for Catholic education in our district!

Thank you for your support as we continue this journey together.