

REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES February 26, 2019

Deb Crawford, Director of Education

SUBJECT: 2019-20 Temporary Accommodation for Students

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BACKGROUND:

The Board considers it necessary to utilize portables as a temporary solution for accommodating students when space at a school has been fully utilized. This is a common practice across the province. Portable classrooms are an excellent alternative for temporary accommodation of students. They are healthy, energy efficient and environmentally responsible learning environments for students and staff.

Temporary accommodation for students are planned as follows.

School	2018-19 Portables	2019-20 Portables
Gregory A. Hogan	6	7
St. Anne Sarnia	2	3
Christ the King	0	1

Gregory A. Hogan

Enrolment at Gregory A. Hogan continues to grow. An additional portable classroom will be located at the school for September 2019. This is a temporary solution. When the Gregory A. Hogan community transitions to the new French Immersion school, the portable classrooms will no longer be needed.

St. Anne, Sarnia

As a result of growth in development in north Sarnia, enrolment continues to increase at St. Anne Sarnia. Effective September 2019 an additional portable classroom will be located at St. Anne. The location and construction of the new Catholic French Immersion school may have an impact on enrolment at this school. Once a more stable population trend can be established, the Board will develop longer range plans to address enrolment at this school.

Christ the King

At Christ the King, the French Immersion program that began in September 2016 has been very successful. As enrolment continues to grow, the excess space that was once abundant at Christ the King is gone. In 2017, the Board divided the library in order to add another classroom. We have now reached the point where all available space in the school building is being utilized.

As a result, effective September 2019 a portable classroom will be located on the property at Christ the King.

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Christ the King is a school in transition, as the French Immersion program continues to grow and move up a grade each year and the English program eventually moves out, with a Grade 8 class graduating each June. Long-range student accommodation plans will be developed once the school is fully French Immersion and enrolment trends are more firmly established.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *2019-20 Temporary Accommodation for Students*, for information.