



New Kincardine District Senior School Repeat Design

Background

Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) was approved for funding by the Ministry of Education to support a new Kincardine District Senior School, under the 2019 - 2020 Capital Priorities Funding program. The ministry has committed \$26,450,989 in funding to build an 881 pupil school to replace the current Grade 7-12 Kincardine District Senior School.

In March 2021, staff presented a report on attributes of an ideal new school site that included insights and preferences of 1100 surveyed respondents, staff planners and educators.

Update

Staff has had discussions on potential sites and utilized a land appraiser to evaluate a potential site prior to discussing an offer with the ministry and owner. The appraisal has been provided to the board. In order to determine the optimum property size, it would be helpful to determine the school size as determined by a suitable design. For this, we need to advance the design process. In order to move forward with the project in a more timely manner, staff are considering the use of a modified repeat design of the John Diefenbaker Senior School.

Rationale

To facilitate the best use of funding and time for this build, the project would benefit from a compressed design process and schedule. A repeat design which reduces the time and the cost required to develop a schematic for the school is being proposed.

A repeat design by its nature has a more predictable schedule and cost. A repeat design is facilitated through single source procurement to use the proprietary design architect. Staff will establish an advisory design team to provide consultation with the school and community on the possible modifications to be incorporated in the new Kincardine District Senior School.

Recommendation:

That the Business Committee recommend to the board that the design for the new Kincardine District Senior School be constructed as a modified repeat design, through single source procurement, based on John Diefenbaker Senior School, and that staff be instructed to develop the space template and obtain ministry approval to proceed with the project on this basis.

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Business Committee of the Whole Board
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